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Preface

A DESIRE having been frequently manifested by the relation and friends of the Witwer connection for a record or register of the ancestry of the name, especially their connection in the United States of America, the writer has taken some pains in endeavoring to collect materials for such a work, and has at least in part succeeded in collecting some interesting records connected with the families bearing the name, hence this work has been prepared rather as a rgister for reference for those bearing the name or connected in relationship by marriage and wishing to preserve some authentic information more valuable than tradition for our posterity.

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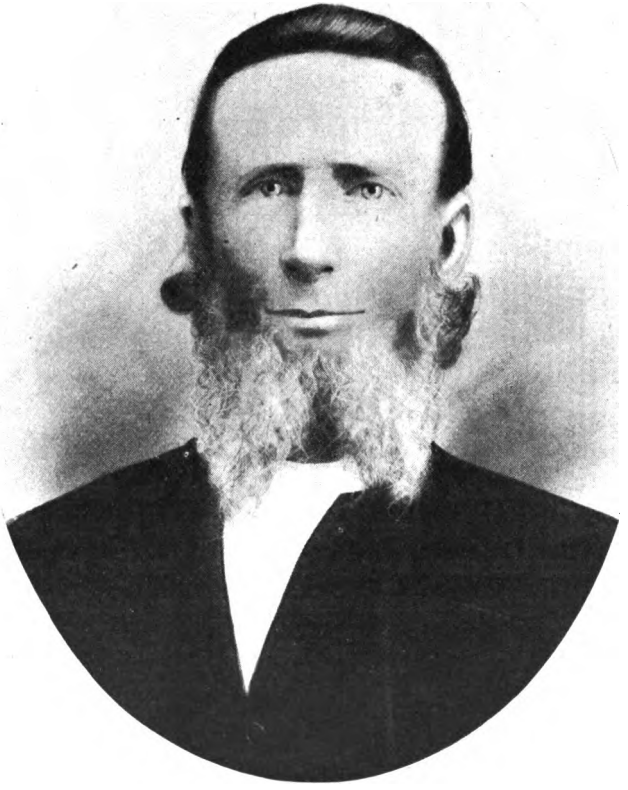

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Witwer Geneaology of America

THIS work was started prior to 1886, and was the last work of the Reverend George Witwer, of South Bend, Indiana. There was nothing done in this work until 1908, when there was a desire expressed by many of possessing the history of the Witwers of America, whereupon, it being also *my* desire to have such a work, I concluded to put my efforts to the work and commenced to gather data and history which I found to be of such an inestimable interesting nature and soon was so enthused with the grand and noble history of our Antecedent Ancestors as to lead me on in the work, and the further I have ventured the more interesting it has become.

And, as there was a claim set up by some that we were of Irish descent, it devolved upon me to fairly test and prove our Ancestry, which my work will show that we are of Swiss descent beyond any doubt, as I could not find any Witwers in either England or Ireland. But I have found in Pennsylvania history that our Ancestors came from Switzerland and the Palatinate country along the banks of the River Rhine, in Germany. And, I found eight different branches of the Witwer and Wittwer families in America who all are the descendants from one common father, who was reared in Bern county, Switzerland, from whence all the Progenitors of each of these branches hail and settled in America, and that both these names are the same is fully explained in the work.

This is the combined work of The Rev. George Witwer, of South Bend, Indiana, and a common civillian.

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As the Reverend George Witwer, a noble and worthy minister of the church of the Brethren (generally known as the Dunkard church), was called from his labors by the all-wise Maker of this universe, and has left the work he had so ardently undertaken unfinished, and as I had felt called upon to get up a history of the Witwer families of America, I started to collect data and records for such a work, and soon found that the work had been undertaken by the cousin, *Rev. George Witwer, of South Bend, Ind.* But had never been completed. I, therefore, made a call on his sons, George M. Witwer and Edwin C. Witwer, who are very influential and highly respected members of the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, of South Bend, Ind., and who have honored in entrusting me with all the data and records so ably collected by their respected father. Therefore, duty calls upon me to respect the foundation he so nobly laid and left for some one to finish the structure, as he collected some very interesting history and records up to the time he was called from his labors in A. D., 1886. Thus by what he had accomplished enabled me to make good headway in carrying out the work of collecting the records up to the present date, A. D., 1909, and we have nearly three times as many names now as that were collected up to 1886. Thus showing that the grace of our Heavenly Father is with his children. The genealogical record of the Witwers of America comprises over 2,500 names recorded in our great record book, and the record of this vast army of souls has left such a grand and honorable record that it is ennobling to know that in all this vast number of persons there never was one among them ever arrested for any offense, with this grand and noble record of our Antecedent Progenitors who have passed to the beyond and the surviving possessing such a noble record.

That we feel to be descendents from the chosen people, that our Heavenly Father is still leading the children of Israel on themarch of time to glory, and we commend it to be so if it is his will; thus let us ever be watchful, guard well our footsteps, be true to the trust, be faithful to His wishes; that we may see the glories of his realm, is the wish and prayer of your well-wishing Cousin, the compiler of this work.

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INTRODUCTORY

NATIONALITY, Race or Parentage have no particular claims for recommendations as to true worth, either morally, socially or religiously; we are all rational and intelligent beings and cling to our name and ancestry, this being natural, it is both proper and right and accords with not only reason, but even testimonies in divine law of "Honor thy Father and thy Mother, which is the first commandment, with promise that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long upon this earth." On the banks of the River Rhein, lie two provinces which have become memorable in the annals of two worlds. These were first the Lower Pallatinate, commonly known as the "Pfalz om Rhein," lying on both sides of that river, and, second the Upper Palatinate or "Ober Pfalz," on either side. There were for centuries, and are today, the most fertile and best cultivated regions of Germany. The doctrines of Martin Luther, Menno Simon, Zwingli, and other great reformers were reared in the Palatinate. The sturdy and stalwart race that inhabited it were among the first to accept the grand principles of the reformation, that wonderful event marking the era whence untrammeled, intellectual and religious freedom was first recognized as the inalienable birthright of men. We all know how, from the first, the Papal Hierarchy determined to sweep Protestantism out of existence in torrents of fire and blood. Nowhere was this inhuman and irreligious decree so fully carried out as in the Palatinate. Again and again were these unfortunate districts overrun by a fierce and desolate soldiery, who offered the alternatives of recantation or extermination. When at last Louis XIV, by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1689, swept away the last vestage of religious freedom, his armies not only overran the Protestant French provinces, but the Palatinate also. Those great captains, Turrene and Tilly, had previously burnt scores of its cities and villages, but the flames that once more spread over the land, exceeded a hundred fold, all that had gone before. Melec and Montclas, the generals who now ravaged it, laid a thousand hamlets in flames, and left the country almost depopulated. In mid-winter, while deep snow covered the ground, the former laid waste the fields, destroyed the vineyards and burnt the dwellings of half a million people, who were left shelterless and starving. The sun has never gazed on a scene of greater desolation or one more sad and pitiable.

Yet, while looking with dim eyes on the ashes of their once happy but now desolate homes, their hearts bleeding with a sorrow beyond the power of pen and words to describe, they refused to recant or adjure the faith for which they had already suffered so much. Need we wonder, therefore, that in a single year 30,000 of these persecuted Palatines left the land of their birth, the "Fatherland" so dear to the German heart, and sought quiet homes

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in the land of Penn. What were the hardships of the New England Pilgrims compared to those of our forefathers? The right of free worship in a measure it is true, was denied them, but did they look on blackened hearth stones, on fields laid waste, and a land drenched with the blood of friends and brothers? Nothing of all this; and while we can never too much extoll their self denial, their independence and their courage, still we must say, their sufferings seem almost trivial beside those of the heroic race from whom we claim descent.

It is an ancestry of which we may well feel proud, We, their descendants, have forgotten, or fail to remember their trials and sufferings in the days of old. Not so, however, with those who still abide in the old home beyond the sea. The traveler who today visits the vineclad hills of the Palatinate will often hear the farmer call his dog "Melac," "Melac," in detestation of the memory of the inhuman butcher of that name, who, two hundred years ago, made the castalated River Rheine run red with innocent blood. (Greater part of this was taken from the historical sketch of the three Earls of Lanc. Co., Pa., the work of our esteemed friend, Frank R. Diffenderfer of Lancaster City, Pa., published, 1876.)

Our ancestry being so closely connected and interwoven with the nationality, race and names mentioned in the work referred to we quoted such parts as seemed particularly suited for a part of our introduction. In preparing such a work we find considerable care, labor, and attention required, and we spent not only time, but also considerable means in getting material, the correspondence was considerable and we are pleased to say nearly all the friends and relations written to on the subject, responded and contributed the information in their possession to aid in the work. We are sorry, however, that in a great many instances we were not able to obtain the desired information.

The old burying ground known as the "Witwer Grave Yrad," in Earl township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, was visited by the *Reverend George Witwer*, of South Bend, Indiana, on August 10, A. D. 1885, where considerable information was obtained in relation to the family, and in connection with other sources, we have been enabled to give at least a fair report or register of the family, and trust our weak efforts and ardent labors will be appreciated by all, especially those bearing the name of "Witwer," or are related by marriage, and in attempting to name those who are closely connected with the "Witwers" in marriage relation, who do not carry the name would simply be momentous, and as it would take quite a large space in the work we will not undertake to make special mention of them, as originally intended in this work by The Rev. George Witwer.

We believe the mention of them in their regular genealogical order to be all sufficient and satisfactory to all, and we do not consider the list of these names would be of enough interest to the majority of the readers that hardly any one would read through the whole list, but soon would skip over it and denounce the compiler for spending his time to putting it in the work.

The aim in this work is to give the history of the "Witwers of America" as fully as we are able to obtain it, and we feel sure that after reading this work many will feel slighted in a degree that their history was not more fully given, to which we would ask you to write out your life's history and send it

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to the compiler, and if I receive enough encouragement to warrant it, I will get out a second edition, which I feel confident will give better satisfaction in a great many instances than this the first effort. We realize the work is not perfect, but it is the best we were able to obtain so far and will, therefore, offer this as the best our untiring and constant labors would produce in the time allotted to perform the work and the means to do it with, and the lack of ability. But there are none perfect.

Early American History

HISTORY OF AMERICA as our ancestors found it when they arrived here, we will have to go back a little further in order to explain the position of the Pilgrim Fathers, who landed at Plymouth in the New England colonies, on November 21, 1620. They had no charter, and their government for a considerable period may be called to have been voluntary association. In the cabin of the Mayflower, they drew up a compact in which they agreed to make and submit to such laws as were needed for the general good. In 1630 a number of Puritans started Massachusetts Bay Colony under a charter from Charles I. Under this charter, which was an extremely liberal one for that time, they could make any laws they liked for themselves, if not in conflict with the laws of England. They were thus allowed to establish themselves in self-governing communities.

The Puritan settlers came over in groups, led by their ministers and settled in parishes or townships. Each of these settlements established a church and the inhabitants and congregation were identical. When they met for church purposes it was a parish meeting, and for civil purposes, as building roads, school houses, etc., was called a town meeting. Thus the local self-governing communities were established, and Connecticut, which was founded from the Massachusetts colonies as a protest against bigotry, affords the first instance in the history of the world of a state formed by a written constitution.

In the Puritan settlement of Massachusetts only church members were allowed to vote. This restriction soon became oppressive. Thomas Hooker, a liberal Puritan, headed the opposition, who maintained that all people should be participators in the common government, while Governor Winthrop asserted that a large part of the people were unfit to take any part in the government, and that the best and wisest of the church members should conduct the government for the good of all. This is the first recorded contest between aristocracy and democracy in the world, and the battle was a draw. The democratic and liberal element withdrew westward and left the conservatives in the old field. Thus the founding of Connecticut strikingly illustrates the desire of liberalism to avoid, where possible, all contests with the conservative element. As Jefferson wrote in later years, "All experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves," etc.

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The political history of America has proven, the liberal element have faced the frontier and conquered the wilderness rather than sacrifice their opinions, while the east delights to honor the forms and customs of Europe, and of the monarchy of England, and look backward rather than to look forward to our own national aggrandisement of laws and government. While the west, with unlimited trust in liberal ideals, advance and adopt new methods for their fuller realization, and for the culmination of independence from foreign bigotry and monarchiel rule. Thus the first confederation of American colonies was established in 1643, when the four colonies, Massachusetts, Plymouth, Connecticut and New Haven formed a league for the purpose of defense against the Indians. This was called the United Colonies. This league existed until 1684. In the same and like manner to Lord Baltimore was granted the territory of Maryland; and to William Penn the territory of Pennsylvania. But Penn's power over his colony was not so planary as that of Lord Baltimore. Laws passed by the assembly in Pennsylvania had to be sent to the King for approval, while Lord Baltimore alone signed laws passed in Maryland., where the right of the British government to impose taxes was denied, while in Pennsylvania it was expressly asserted in the grant.

The first plan of union formulated by the colonies of America, by that fareseeing genius, Benjamin Franklin, revealed the need of some central power, with the right to enlist troop and levy taxes for the support of a common enterprise. In 1754 seven colonies sent delegates to a congress at Albany to secure the aid of the Indians. Franklin was present and proposed a plan of union for the colonies, since known as the Albany Plan. By this plan the colonists were to elect a grand council, to meet once a year at Philadelphia. The council to have power to levy taxes, support armies, and be supreme in all matters of general concern. The executive of the United Colonies was to be a President appointed by the crown, and to have the veto power. The plan was never adopted, as the colonies were jealous of one another, and not ready for union, and the King was averse to having them unite. England insisted that the colonies directly assist in paying the expense which she had incurred in defending them. A stamp tax was considered the least objectionable, and the stamp act was passed in 1765. It was not oppressive, but was levied contrary to the principles of the colonists and they resisted, as they were not represented in the English parliament, and for that body to tax them in any way would be "Taxation without representation."

Further, the people of America did not wish to contribute to a foreign army's support, and one that might be used against them. The patriotic eloquence of Adams and Henry were loosened against the Stamp Act, and a storm of indignation followed. As a result a colonial congress was called which met in New York City, October 7, 1765. Nine colonies were represented, twenty-eight delegates, and they agreed on a declaration of rights, declaring to be free from all taxes, not laid down by their own representatives. This was sent to England, and thus were compelled to adopt Franklin's advice, "Unite or Die."

The condition of affairs with the mother country were such that when the delegates who had been elected in the several colonies, came together in Philadelphia, September 5, 1774, they were to frame a common protest and draw up a declaration of rights, setting forth their attitude and demands.

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This was the first step toward uniting the colonies, while many believed that it was too late to gain their demands save by war, their action was reserved and dignified. They suspended intercourse with the mother country, and, agreeing upon another congress to meet the following May, and after sending the following declaration of rights they adjourned. Declaration thus:

"To your justice we appeal, you have been told that we are impatient of government and desirous of independence. These are calumnies. Permit us to be as free as yourselves, and we shall ever esteem a union with you to be our greatest glory and our greatest happiness. But, if you are determined that your ministers shall wantonly sport with the rights of mankind; if neither the voice of justice, the dictates of law, the principles of constitution, or the suggestions to humanity, can restrain your hands from shedding human blood in such an impious cause, we must then tell you that we shall never submit to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for any ministry or nation in the world."

Thus in the following May as agreed the second congress met, and as it was reasonably clear after the storm of Lexington and Concord had occurred, the Revolution had begun. They chose John Hancock as President, and appointed Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the army. At all times prior to this the colonists acknowledged themselves as subject to the British government. The colonies were jealous of each other, and looked with disfavor on attempts at a union. So far circumstances compelled them to co-operate.

The second continental congress met in Philadelphia, May 10, 1775. Made no attempt to define any relationship, as the colonies were all represented in it. The common cause was against England, and the body was a revolutionary one. Co-operating, rather than uniting, several colonies drove out the governors and set up new state governments, and for a year the war had been carried on as beligerants, and on June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee presented a resolution to congress, that, the "United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Brittain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved." The vote on this was postponed for three weeks and a committee was appointed to prepare a declaration.

Adams, Franklin and Jefferson were members of this committee, and Jefferson was elected its chairman and drafted the Declaration of Independence. On July 2nd the colonies unanimously adopted the resolution, and on July 4th it was signed by the delegates, and the colonies became Independent States. The Declaration:

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the persuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness."

This instrument drawn by Jefferson may be regarded as the fundamental law of America. As the relation between the sovereign people and their established government, and all laws are based on this fundamental law of

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the United States government, and all conflicting laws are null and void. This instrument as drawn by Jefferson was not a mere excuse for the act of rebelling against Great Britain. It was the heartfelt conviction of the signers of the Declaration—each an earnest student of human institutions and rights—that they were stating their just claims; claims that would stand for all people and in all times to come; hence, the important bearing upon our political and constitutional history.

The Witwer Ancestry

IT is to be regretted that the dates, records and incidents connected with the Witwer families have not been better preserved and kept in regular order through the first generations of our ancestry in America, or even from the Mother Country, from whence we are descendants, from the country along the banks of the long-noted River Rhein, through the Palatinate into Switzerland. And, we regret that we were not able to obtain more concise history of this our original Mother Country. Yet, with all we found some very authentic and correct records that give much information about our early ancestry in this country.

In the old Witwer burying ground, known as the "Witwer Grave Yard," located near the Harrisburg and Downington turnpike road and about 44 miles east of Harrisburg, the State Capitol of Pennsylvania, and about 50 miles west of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We find by the dates and names on the tomb stones that there are three very old stones, which are very hard to descipher. But, we are satisfied that our ancestors of the Witwers of America are buried in this grave yard, and that they died as entered on these tomb stones.

Michael Witwer, our ancestor, as found on his tomb stone, died in 1778. The name and date of death only appearing on the tomb stone; and on another stone dated 1739, Jacob Witwer, and one 1769, and made out to be M— Witwer. These last two were supposed to have been sons of Michael Witwer, the ancestor; but we have found in history that these were the bachelor brothers of the ancestor, and is also handed down by tradition that they were bachelor brothers who came together from Switzerland in 1727. The one was named Jacob Witwer, and the other stone was so worn but it was a name beginning with "M." and possibly was Martin Witwer, as there were some thinking this possible.

MICHAEL WITTWER.

Michael Wittwer, the ancestor, married about 1739, to name not obtained; born to them were: 2. 1

Joseph Wittwer, born about 1740, East Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 3.
Hansel Wittwer, born about 1742, East Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 4.
Elizabeth Wittwer, born about 1744, East Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 5.

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Married second wife, ——— Sensenig, about 1762, born to them were: 6.

Jonas Wittwer, born Feb. 24, 1763, Lancaster Co., Pa. 7.
Barbara Wittwer, born May, 1764, Lancaster Co., Pa. 8.
David Wittwer, born Nov. 6, 1765, Lancaster Co., Pa. 9.
Daniel Wittwer, born about 1767, Lancaster Co., Pa. 10.
Fanny or Frany Wittwer, born about 1770, Lancaster Co., Pa. 11.
Anna Wittwer, born about 1772, Lancaster Co., Pa. 12.
Maria Wittwer, born Aug. 25, 1773, Lancaster Co., Pa. 13.

The line of dates, records, and incidents, and the like, connected with the family register will become more regular and concise as we progress in the work. It is our wish to have the reader to bear with us in receiving this as our best efforts; in many cases we give approximate dates, as we were unable to get the correct dates, but you will perceive we have in some instances obtained the correct dates, which assisted very materially to base a supposed date in other cases; that we know that our dates are not very far from correct, and we would mention here that it required a great deal of figuring and detective work to determine many of the questions coming up to be solved and I have diligently labored early and late working many nights till 3:00 o'clock in the morning to get some of the knots untangled, and I thus found that when everything was all quiet about me I could follow the threads and unravel problems that surprised my own self. I hope the readers will accept this as it is given with my best efforts to have it to be authentic and as correct as I could get it. But, I will admit it to be containing many errors, and if you see any errors, you will confer a favor to at once write me and explain and correct, and if you will thus assist me, I may in a few years get out a second addition in which I may be able to correct all errors which I assure you my desire is to give you the truth and nothing but the truth.

We find the name of our ancestor, "Michael Wittwer," in a deed patent from William Penn to Jacob Sensenig, dated A. D. 1734, adjoining lands of Michael Wittwer, and describing boundaries, courses, and lines, quite lengthy and minutely. This deed is kept in a good state of preservation and is in possession of John B. Sensenig, of Earl township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. It is plain that the Witwer and Sensenig connection were among the first settlers of Earl township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and settled there in the year 1727.

The Wittwer and Sensenig families settled along the Harrisburg and Downington turnpike road. This was the second road laid out in the county. This settlement is about 44 miles east of Harrisburg, the State Capitol, and about 50 miles west of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Wittwers, Sensenigs and others took up land along those beautiful living springs of cool refreshing and wholesome water which was abounding along this road, which was enticing of this settlement along there, and many of these beautiful springs are to this day offering an abundance of cool, refreshing water. Some fine speckled trout are to be seen which abounded in an early day. One of these springs supplied sufficient water power to run a grist mill. Jonas Wittwer built a grist mill here, about one-half mile from "The Wittwer Grave Yard," along the Harrisburg and Downington turnpike road. This mill is still there, and

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is known as the "Martins Mill." This settlement was known for a long time as the "Wittwer Settlement," Hansel, Jonas, David and Daniel Wittwer, four brothers living here on adjoining farms. All made fair improvements in buildings and clearing the lands, planting orchards and the like, for the time in which they lived.

Hansel Wittwer, the oldest, however, it is said, rather addicted to old style and customs, and with peculiar ways, and being rather slow in taste for his brothers, who were inclined to keep up with the times and age in which they lived. It is said that David, "one of the brothers," who was a surveyor, in connection with his farming had quite a taste for instrumental music, got a piano for his daughter. This was considered extravagant and fast, for the time and age. David became quite influential in society. From these four brothers it was thought all the Wittwers of America originated up to 1886.

But, to date, 1909, we have found quite a number of other Wittwers, who are beyond a doubt cousins from the same original father in Switzerland, and will be duly noticed later in this work, giving a full account of them. As far as is known, all the Wittwers have retained the same way of spelling the name up to the time of the Declaration of Independence.

THE WITWERS LOYAL AMERICANS.

Just a little before the Declaration of Independence in 1773, the English Lords in trying to maintain their right (as they wished to make the colonists believe they had, but the colonists thought differently and resented). Accordingly England sent three cargoes of tea into the Boston Harbor. The citizens refused to permit the tea to be landed; but, if the ships were not unloaded within 20 days, the custom house officers had the right to unload it. The nineteenth day came, there was something had to be done, or the tea would be brought to shore at daylight the next morning. They found it impossible to have the ships sent back to England. Samuel Adams arose and said, "This meeting can do nothing more to save the country." This was the signal for action. A company was speedily organized, disguised as Indians; gave a war-whoop; they rushed to the vessels, emptied every chest—about $100,000 worth—into the harbor. A Bostonian jokingly asked, "Will tea mix with salt water.,' They soon settled that question and the tax, also.

Up to this date the Witwers had maintained the spelling of their name with two "ts." But in condemnation of the English they cast all the tea out of their name that they could spare, and henceforth wrote their names with one "t," as loyal Americans.

CHRISTIAN PROFESSION AND RELIGIOUS SECTS.

In their Christian profession the Witwers were chiefly Mennonites. The followers of that good, pious, and God-fearing man, Menno Simon, who may truly be classed with the reformers. This was the Christian profession through several generations. But in the fourth, fifth, and after we notice a marked change and quite a number united with the German Baptist, now called the Baptist Brethren, and the Christians (or Desciples), and a few other denominations.

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In tracing along through the generations to the present their posterity connects through the various so-called Christian denominations of the age. As to race and nationality, it is truly much to be regretted that in some instances, we are not able to obtain dates of births, marriages, deaths and the like. We will give a synopsis of the fundamental principles of the different denominations as to their belief, mode of baptism, sacrament, and other customs.

Hansel Witwer and his son, Abel Witwer, were members of the Seven Day Adventists, and identified themselves with the cloister or monastery at Ephrata, Pa. They were very strict in their beliefs, such as to let all animals remain as born, and to live as close to nature as possible; not to provide themselves with any comforts, but to deny themselves all the comforts, to live plain, their buildings to be of the commonest sort, their beds were a board with a block for a head rest, no pillow, but a wooden block, their clothing of the very plainest, and the filial duties to be so strict that it was set forth to be as follows: "Though thy Father should lie before thy door, weeping and lamenting, and thy Mother should show thee the body that bore thee, and the breasts that nursed thee, see that thou trample them underfoot, and go onward straight way to Christ." "By this monstrous inhumanity" (As Martin Luther styled these cloisters and monasteries)—are savoring more of wolf, tyrant, or vicious beasts, rather than human or Christian man. Thus do the Papal leaders, like the Pharisees of old, make the commandment of God of no effect by their tradition. Thus homes are made desolate, and parents are deprived of the society of their sons and daughters.

Many afterwards repented these steps, in years gone by, seeing they had blighted their own lives, and had brought sorrow upon their parents. But once fast in the snare, it is impossible for them to obtain their fredom. Many parents fearing the influence of the Monks in the past refused to send their sons and daughters to the universities, thus the schools languished and ignorance prevailed. The Pope bestowed upon these Monks and Friars and Priests the power to hear confessions and grant pardons. This became a source of great evil. Bent upon enhancing their gains, these Friars were so ready to grant absolution, that criminals of all descriptions resorted to them, and as a result, the worst vices rapidly increased. Yet, the Friars continued to maintain their hold on the superstitious multitudes, and are leading them to believe that all religious duty is comprised in acknowledging the supremacy of the Pope of Rome, or some other adoring saint, and in giving gifts to these Monks, Friars or Priests; that this would secure them a place in heaven. Men of learning and piety have labored in vain to bring about a reform in the Monistic orders, discussion and inquiry were awakening, and as the Monks traversed the country vending the Pope's pardons, many were led to doubting the possibility of purchasing forgiveness with money, and they questioned whether they should seek pardon from God rather than from the Pontiff of Rome.

Not a few were alarmed at the rapacity of these Friars, whose greed seemed never to be satisfied. "The Monks and Priests of Rome," said they, "are eating us away like a cancer, God must deliver us, or the people will perish." To cover their avarice, these begging Monks claimed that Jesus and his disciples had been supported by the charities of the people. This claim resulted in injury to their cause, for it lead many to the Bible to

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learn the truth for themselves, a result which of all others was least desired by the Pontiff of Rome, and thus were the minds of men directed to the source of truth, which was the object of the Pontiff of Rome to conceal. The people became conscious to the fact that the Pontiff at Rome or the Monks had no more power to pardon or forgive sins than Tom Pepper's Bull Pup, and that the pup is more of a Christian and has a clearer conscience than any of these Monks, Friars, Priests, Pontiffs, etc.

A CONSCIENCIOUS BELIEF.

My belief is that what Jesus Christ taught when in body on this earth that meekness, honesty, and faith comprise the principal things for a person to observe in his life to be a fit subject to enter his realm. First, where is His kingdom. I believe it is space; where there is space is His kingdom. So all around us is the Kingdom of God, and the air that we breathe is God, so it is God the life in us that sustains us, and without Him and His Holy Kingdom we can not live; our life is God and thus proves that every living thing is God, for he is all in all. Then comes the question, where is the Devil? I would say he is an imaginary spirit, which is ever working in us and causing us to want, to grasp, to covet, and to take from others the things that tempt us and our wants, so if we are meek enough to acknowledge our wants, and honest enough to attain them without doing an injustice to any living being, and have faith in ourselves we may acquire them.

I also believe that we are *not* required to do obesiance to any other living being so long as our conscience feels that we are doing our duty to God. But, just as soon as our conscience forbids and tells us that would you approve to be done by others in like manner, and you feel it to be unjust, then you have to atone for the offended laws of nature and you have to clear those wrongs between your conscience and your God regardless of any other living thing. Each and all of us have to deal with our God as sure as we breathe the air, regardless of any others, or of what others may require of us. We are bound to no one, only in doing favors promised, and returning favors received with the courtesy of your conscience tells you to be just to yourself and your God.

Joseph Wittwer, the oldest son of our ancestor, we were not able to find any record or trace of him, and it is doubtful if there are any of his descendants living, he having migrated South or West in an early day. Our first American ancestor, Michael Wittwer, was born in Bern Co., Switzerland, somewhere between the years 1690 and 1720; came to America in 1727.

FIRST AMERICAN SETTLERS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

As early as 1700, roving and isolated Indian traders had found their way to the banks of the Susquehanna River, and within the present bounds of Lancaster County, and carried on a profitable traffic with the native Indians. The first resident settlers came in the year 1709. They were Swiss Mennonites, and families from the lower Palatinate, and took up their abode on

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the northern side of the Peque Creek. This from the Pennsylvania records, and Geschichter der Mennoniten. In Jahr, 1709, Kamen etliche famillien von der Pfalz welche von den vertriebenen Schweitzern abstamnten und leisen sich neider in Lengestern county. And among these we find in a long list of names of these arrivals of Swiss Mennonites, the name of Benjamin Wittwer.

These were speedily reinforced by new arrivals from the Palatinate and Huguenots, and soon quite a number of settlements grew up around them. On the Conestoga and Octoraro, other colonies were speedily founded. It was not until 1717, however, that pioneers found their way into Earl Township. Hans Graaf, a Swiss refugee, arrived in Pennsylvania in 1696, and after remaining in the vicinity of Philadelphia, first located in the Pequea valley. While in persuit of his strayed horses, found his way into what is familiarly known as Groff's Thal, in west Earl Township, and was so pleased with the country that he had his wife, children and chattels conveyed thither, and located on the stream now called Groff's run, and took up land, the survey of which was made October 4, 1718, of 1150 acres. On February 28, 1724, he bought 250 acres from Martin Kendrick and Hans Herr, who had purchased 5,000 acres of Penn, on November 22, 1717, under these warrants 1,419 acres were surveyed to him, October 10, 1727, and he got his deed from Thomas Penn, November 18, 1737. This deed makes transfer of all "mines, minerals, quarries, meadows, marshes, savannas, swamps, cripples, woods, underwoods, timbers, trees, ways, waters, watercourses, liberties, profits, commodities, advantages, hereditaments and appurtinences, whatsoever, to hawk and to hunt, fish and fowl in and upon the hereby granted land and premises."

As he was the earliest settler, so also was he the wealthiest at his death, May 5, 1746. The inventory of his chattels, etc., was made by Christ Wagoner, Christ Sensenig, Michael Wittwer and Jacob Summa, (copied from original papers). On October 14, 1729, when the township was organized, the citizens honored him and themselves in giving his name Graaf, in its English equivalent, Earl, to the township. The foundation stones of the cabin he built in 1718 are yet to be seen in the barn yard of his lineal descendant Levi W. Groff, who owns and resides on the old homestead.

In 1724 a settlement was begun by Swiss and Palatinates at Weaverland, in East Earl Township. Among these were some Wittwers. These were chiefly Mennonites; their near neighbors were Welsh. In 1727 the ship William and Sarah (col. Rec. III, 390,) sailed from Rotterdam with 90 families of Palatinates, numbering in all about 400 living souls, among which list was a family of Wittwers. In large bodies of these Germans there always was a clergman. Along with these 400 Palatinates came the Rev. George Michael Weise, German Reformed minister, graduate of Heidelberg; a learned divine scholar, spoke Latin as readily as German; arrived in Philadelphia in September, 1727.

As the Palatinate was one of the best cultivated districts of Germany, so too, was it in this, and adjacent townships soon became the most thrifty and prosperous portions of the state. As tillers of the soil in Europe, the Palatinates and Swiss knew what lands to select upon their arrival here. We never heard that the Germans in Earl Township asked the collonial government to exchange the lands they had taken up for others, because the forests

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were too dense, or the timber too heavy, as tradition says was done by some other settlers in the northwestern part of the county. As farmers they knew too well such were the best lands, and always sought them.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF LANCASTER CO., PA.

Here we find a difference of opinion as to which was the first public road laid out in the county; but, as we consider the county records to be the most accurate, we acknowledge their authority to be the most correct. According to this authority the Provincial Road was the first road laid out, running north and south; the second road laid out was the Horse Shoe Road, running east and west, and where these roads cross each other is the land taken up by Benjamin Wittwer in the year 1722. This is the road New Holland is built on. The third road was the Paxton road and traverses Hinkletown, and is now called the Harrisburg and Downington Turnpike Road. The fourth is the Peters' Road, leading from the Conestoga to Pequea, and crossing the Horse Shoe road about two miles west of New Holland. The first macadamized road built in the United States was built from Philadelphia to Lancaster, in 1792, at a cost of $7,500 per mile, or a total cost of $465,000.

IN HONOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

While it seems to us fittingly to observe the history of Pennsylvania in commemoration of our ancestors, most of whom were born within its boundaries we concluded to give a synopsis of the early history, and its founding, especially that part where our fathers were reared. That spendthrift monarch, Charles the II, of England, among other debts he was unable to discharge, owed the sum of £16,000 to Admiral Sir William Penn. The latter dying, left this unpaid claim to his son, William. He, after vainly endeavoring to procure its payment, finally proposed to the impecunious monarch to accept in lieu thereof, the wild and unsettled lands lying within the bounds of what is now the State of Pennsylvania. It was not often that King Charles was able to pay his debts without money, threfore, he gladly accepted Penn's proposition, and in 1681 was granted the charter conveying this magnificent domain to his Quaker subject. In the following year Penn came over. Under the boughs of a spreading elm tree, at Shakamaxon (which means "Field of Blood," from a famous Indian fight that once occurred there. The "Treaty Tree" stood near the western bank of the Delaware. It was blown down on Saturday night, March 3, 1810. It was wide spreading, but not high. Its girth was 24 feet, and its age as indicated by the rings of its annual growth, 283 years. The treaty was made here of amity only—not for the sale or cession of lands), he met the Redmen of the Algonquin race, made that Great Treaty with the tribes of the Delaware, the Scuylkill, the Conestoga, and the Susquehanna, which Voltaire has so eloquently described as "The only one the world has known, never sworn to and never broken."

This empire was founded by Englishmen, with Penn, of his own faith, the founders of Philadelphia, in 1682. They were speedily followed by Welsh, Scotch, French and Irish emigrants, who settled on the outskirts of this

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spreading civilization. Whilst these were the settlers of Philadelphia and the surrounding country, Lancaster county country was being settled, soon following, by people of another race, and another faith, and of whom the Witwers are lineal descendants. They were Swiss Mennonites, Palatinates, Germans; mostly refugees from the Palatinate or Pfalz Om Rheine in Germany.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

Although our fathers had at last found a refuge from religious oppression, annoyances of other kinds awaited them. The large German immigration caused no little alarm to the colonial authorities, and their fears gave rise to petty and vexatious annoyances, which only the good conduct of the colonists, during a long series of years, could dispel. Sir William Keith, who became governor of the province in A. D. 1717, at first treated the request of the Germans for naturalization, with great indifference. For three years, from 1721 to 1724, this act of justice was denied them, and when a bill was introduced for this purpose, they were required to swear as to the value of their possessions, and their religious views, before their petition was granted. To his successor, Sir Patrick Gordon, a complaint was made concerning those at Pequea. They were denounced as "peculiar in their dress, religion, and notions of political government, and resolved to speak their own language, and acknowledged no sovereign but the *Great Creator of the Universe.*" Governor Gordon, however, was a man of broad views, and when he laid the petition of a large number from his district before the house in 1730, he used this language: "It likewise appears to me, by good information, that they have hitherto behaved themselves well, and have generally so good a character for honesty and industry as deserves the esteem of this govrnment, and a mark of its regard for them.

Nevertheless, the immigration of aliens—as all who were not English subjects were called—was still further discouraged by the imposition of a *Forty Shilling Tax* per head, on the Swiss, French, German and Dutch, who should come into the province. "This manner of raising revenue almost makes one believe that *Pennsylvania* was a *high tariff colony* even at that early day." Thus history proves, that by the cunning of the Yankees, as the English speaking people of America are called, the Dutch—which includes the Swiss, French, Germans and Dutch—were compelled to pay the expense of the government, build roads, bridges, school houses, churches, and all public utilities, and do the labor, and the English furnished the cunning.

It is true that through the quick wit of the Irish, Scotch and English, thoroughly mixed, has produced in America a quick-witted lot of Yankees. But, since the Dutch, Irish and Yankees have been thoroughly mixed, we have a race who have all the traits of intelligence, hardihood, and the like. There is one thing here that we wish to note at this time—our ex-President, *Theodore Roosevelt*, gave warning on race suicide, which we htink is well founded. You will take notice, the English families consist of three, four or five, seldom more than six, while in the Dutch families there are generally from ten to fifteen, and as high as eighteen at times in the family. This is the cause of that fear of race suicide, and well may it be so, for the Dutch

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are becoming the great majority and conscious that they have been exploited in providing the needs of the country, and they will ere long claim equal rights for brawn and brain.

MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE PRIMITIVE PURITANS.

Between many the manners and customs of everyday life, as they then existed, and those of our own time, a wonderful change has taken place. A generous hospitality was universally prevalent and was calculated to promote good fellowship. Although their ways of life were primitive, and devoid of parade or ostentation, they were good and hearty livers, and enjoyed life. Tradition comes down to us freighted with stories of their pranks and pastimes. Horse racing seems to have been a perfect passion with them. It was not an unusual occurrence for these lively boys to dissect some irritable neighbor's cart or wagon into its compotent parts, transport them to his hay loft or stable roof, and there carefully unite them again, and where the indignant owner, at considerable time and expense, trouble and temper, might lower them to their proper place in the wagon shed. The Annual Fair and Battallion Day were times when the whole people gave themselves holidays, and all business was made to yield to the season of merriment and enjoyment. The huckster stands with their magnificent array of candies, oranges, gingerbread and the like, were a sight which all the profusion and elegance of later times can never drive from the recollection of the boys and girls of fifty and more years ago. They cared less for fashion than we do now. Tight fitting buckskin breeches or coarse home spun was the common wear for men; honest home-made linen covered their brawny arms and shoulders, and it was only on state occasions, such as weddings and the like, that silver and knee-buckles and gilt buttons glittered on the stalwart person. Umbrellas were altogether unknown to the primitive settlers. A heavy woolen blanket shielded them from the rain by day and was often their couch at night. Boots and spectacles were a little less than curiosities here in the country a century ago. Cider was a favorite tipple with the early colonists, but the cider presses had not yet come into vogue. The apples were crushed by means of a stamper in a large tub or trough, the pumice was put into a suspended basket from which the liquor drained into a vessel beneath, the process being assisted by the appliance of weights and pressure of various kinds. The women invariably wore caps or hoods; a short gown of home spun, falling a little below the knees, was the universally worn outer garment. No calf skin shoes were worn by the lower ranks in life. by either sex. Pullback skirts were unknown; our good old dames consoled themselves instead by wearing half a dozen well-quilted petticoats, which were relied on to keep them warm in winter, and which we feel pretty sure did the same in summer. The old fashioned bonnet served both as a head gear and a parasol. There were no globe lamps in their parlors; no carpets on their floors, and no paper on their walls; wooden platters, pewter dishes, spoons and mugs served them instead of plated ware and china. When the bride went any distance to get married, she rode on a pillion before her father or some kinsman, but after the ceremony, she occupied a seat behind her husband. *"Riding double was no crime, in the good old Queen*

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Anna's time, nor did the lady blush vermillion by sitting on her lover's pillion." (Verse):

Riding double was no crime,
In the good old Queen Ann's time,
Nor did the lady blush vermillion,
By sitting on her lover's pillion.

At burials, persons previously selected, passed around giving those present a glass of wine and a piece of sweet cake. This is not as foolish a custom as the one that came into vogue later, of setting such a feast before their friends and relatives after the funeral as required a large slice of the deceased's estate to pay for, even down to a comparatively recent period. Before hearses came into fashion, the coffin was placed in a large conestoga wagon, and the part of the wagon not taken up by the coffin was occupied by the mourners, while a procesion of horsemen, sometimes half a mile long riding two by two, followed in the rear. While they were honest, God fearing men and women, their morality was not of that seemingly finely drawn kind that is so current today. Lotteries found much favor in their eyes Any enterprise, either public or private, if in need of funds, a lottery was speedily organized to help it out. A church to be built, a steeple to be erected, and the like, a lottery was the means to do it with. After all, were they worse than our church fairs, and were they not at least as honestly conducted. Farmers sons managed to thrive without vehicles for purposes of pleasure. Up to 1761 were only 38 carriages in the State of Pennsylvania.

TRIALS OF THE EARLY SETTLERS.

Between the years, 1720 and 1776, the condition of these settlers in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was that enjoyed in common with the citizens of the rest of the province. (Col. Rec. III, p. 296.) They seemed for the most part, to have been exempt from the Indian murders and depredations that afflicted other communities. That unwelcome visitor, the tax gathere put in his annual appearance with his accustomed punctuality. The 5,635 taxable articles within the county of Lancaster in 1760 were assessed $16,000.00, a prorata of which came from Earl Township. No existing documents are more interesting or throw more light on the early history of those townships than the assessors' lists. Unfortunately, very few go back further than 1754. Prior to that a good many were destroyed by fire; nor is the series complete from that time on. More than half are missing, until we come down to 1814, consisting at times of a single sheet of foolscap paper, and, at most, of a few sheets loosely stitched together. We need not wonder they were not better preserved, but rather that any at all have survived the flight of years. In the year 1754, just 25 years after the township organization, we find the number of taxables 199, and the amount of tax levied £29, 19, 0, or less than $150.00. The population for the same period may be set down at about 800, the increase being, no doubt, largely attributable to the influx of new immigrants. The names of some of the first colonists had multiplied considerably, and as a matter of interest and curiosity a list of the number of the best known, as found on that list, is here given: Graaf, 7; Davis, 7; Weaver, 5; Carpenter, 5; Martin, 4; Diffenderfer, 3; Hildebrand,

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3; Baer, 3; Edwards, 3; Wittwer, 3; Ronk, 2; Reife, 2; Mumma, 2; Sheaffer, 2; Rolland, Smith, Shirk, Kinser, Diller, Kurtz, Eby, Graybill, etc, one each. The largest tax paid by any one man was seven shillings and four pence, by Emanuel Carpenter, who for a long series of years stood at the head of the list; the smallest paid was one shilling. Jacob Roland was the collector for this year. The tax list was commonly headed, "Earltown Tax for the King's Use."

Three years later, in 1757, when Moses Irwin and John Smith collected it, that assessment had increased 900 per cent., amounting to £274, 6, 2. In 1759 the amount of tax levied went up to £290, 9, 9. The early names on the tax list had increased still more rapidly. There were now 12 Martins, 11 Weavers, 9 Carpenters, 8 Groffs or Graafs, 7 Davises, 5 Diffenderfers, 5 Baers, 5 Wittwers, 3 Rolands, etc. The names on the Tax roll were divided into several classes. First, "Inmates"—these were married men and land holders; second, "Freemen"—the unmarried males, etc. When the Revolutionary war commenced they were still further subdivided, and the oath of allegiance to the state was required, and those who refused were represented as the "non-associators," such as Quakers, Mennonites, etc.

ATTEMPTED ENGLISH RULE.

The enforcement of the Port Bill, at Boston, created much distress among certain classes in that city. Subscription papers were circulated in Earl Township in July, 1774, for their relief. They had also other trials to contend with, which neither their own conduct nor legislative enactments could evade or dispel, and on account of the limited space will refer to only a few of them here.

In 1732 immense swarms of locusts ravaged their fields, and destroyed their crops. In 1737 a severe earthquake spread general consternation over all the eastern portion of the province. The summer of 1738 was made memorable by a heat so extraordinary as to destroy birds; laborers fell exhausted and died in their harvest fields. The winter of 1740 was severe beyond example. Deer and turkeys in vast numbers perished of cold, which formed a large part of the food of the people; the snow was of unknown depth; severe floods also occurred during the year. In 1741 the cold was even greater than the previous winter; the privations and sufferings of the people augmented and intensified. With 1750 and 1751 came seasons of scarcity and want. A county meeting was called, and means of relief devised, and whence eventuated the alms house establishment. The harvests of 1752 were bountiful beyond anything previously experienced in the history of these settlements. So abundant was the yield of wheat that it was fed to the hogs. This plentiful year was succeeded in 1753, '54 and '55 by a widely prevalent drouth; the earth was parched, and vegetation of all kinds perished for lack of moisture; a famine seemed inpending. To add to these horrors, the French war broke out, and the frontier Indian tribes, having nearly all allied themselves with France, began killing and scalping on all sides. Terror and dismay filled every heart; even after peace was concluded, the Indians continued their hostilities.

So great was the danger in 1763 that farmers, in more exposed districts, carried their rifles with them to the fields. On the 17th of June, 1763, fell

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the most destructive hail storm known to the pioneers. It extended over the entire country; the hail were as large as turkey eggs; birds and small quadrupeds were killed in great numbers; the growing fruit and ripening grain perished in this asault of the elements, while the trees were as destitute of foliage as in midwinter. The winter of 1780, was, by way of distinction, known as the "hard winter.. Ice twenty inches thick formed on the ponds. The cold was intense; birds perished; the ears of sheep and cattle were frozen.

FARMING.

Farming in those days was not what it is now. Rotation of crops was not strictly followed. Wheat, rye, oats and barley were the principal crops; corn was but little cultivated for a long series of years; more generally by the Indians than by the whites. Oxen were mostly used in plowing; horses were scarce; bulls and cows were frequently loaded with wheat for the mill, and brought back the grist. The scarcity of horses may be inferred from this: "Nine German settlers united their means to purchase a gray mare, of whose services they availed themselves turn about." Horses were seldom shod, as the soft roads through the forests rendered it unnecessary. Before and during the Revolution much of the work on the farms devolved on the women. They performed the tasks usually allotted to men, working in the hay and harvest fields, taking care of horses and cattle, and occasionally in the enforced absence of the male portion of the family, took entire charge of all out door and indoor work. Irrigation, although hardly ever practiced now, was generally resorted to then. The natural meadows by this means furnished an abundant supply of hay and pasturage.

Governor Pownell of New Jersey, who in 1754 traveled through the county, saw and described the process. On the south side of the Welch mountains, on land owned by Adam Diller, traces of an irrigating canal could in recent years, and may perhaps even now, be seen. Lime was first used as a fertilizer in Pennsylvania, by a German named Jacob Berger, who applied it to his field near Philadelphia, some years before the Revolution.

At their first setlement, these townships were almost entirely covered with heavily wooded forests, here and there grassy meads were to be found. The Indians generally selected these spots for their dwelling places; and, here we may add, that the Red Men were never numerous hereabouts; scarcely more than half a dozen families were ever to be found at one place; they had no villages of any importance. The tribes by whom these townships were inhabited, were Pequeans and Conestogos, principally of the former, whose chief place of residence, however, was in the Pequea valley, along the Pequea Creek, to both of which they have appropriately left their names. They were of the Algonquin tribe, but paid tribute to the six nations, and seemed to have been in the beginning among the best disposed and most tractable of all the natives with whom they ever came in contact. They were extremely hospitable to the early settlers, furnishing them from their own stores with no stinted hands, whenever called upon. No serious troubles ever arose between them and the Europeans. The Huguenots and Palatinates often joined the Pequens in their hunting and fishing excursions, and in their othes pastimes. Their principal chief was Tanawa, who had sold his lands to Penn, was

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present at the "Great Treaty," and ever prided himself on the warm friendship entertained for him by the proprietary. Indian tradition tells us two hundred years before the arrival of Penn, hardly an Indian was to be found in the present territory of Lancaster county. The Pequeans came about 1630. Fragments of other tribes, driven from the south by the whites, found their way hither. But they never became numerous, and as the settlements began to appear all through the interior, they began to disappear gradually, even as they had first come. Their tribal relations were broken up, they wended their way into Ohio and Indiana, and joined their destinies with the tribes of those states, and shortly after the Revolution the last of the Red Men had left this county, nevermore to return.

There was but little underbrush throughout this timbered country in consequence of the Indian custom, of annually burning the leaves and scrubby underwood. It was not a difficult matter to drive a cart for long distances through the woods in all directions. Wages were moderate, and the cost of living correspondingly low. About the time of the revolution, the earnings of harvest hands were two shillings and six pence for man, and one shilling and six pence for boys. Wheat at the same time was worth about five shillings, or sixty-two to sixty-five cents per bushel.

FIRST CONCERN OF SETTLERS.

The first concern of the settlers was to house their families, and then to clear a field for the purpose of supplying their wants. Grass for their stock was cut in the swamps and meadows, generally stacked on the spot and moved when necessity required. Clover was cultivated but little prior to the Revolution; timothy less, and much surprise was occasioned when hay was first cut on upland fields from the grasses. Sheep were not raised in great numbers, as the wolves were so numerous and made havoc among them . The abundance of mast made hog raising an easy and profitable task. But, bears abounded, and having always been partial to fresh pork, the farmers were much molested by them. For many years, however, venison and turkeys were so abundant that they every where formed the principal flesh food for the people. A twenty pound turkey could be had for a shilling, and a nice fat deer for two shillings. Mutual assistance was freely extended by the early colonists to each other. Newcomers were aided in putting up their cabins and barns, and in housing their crop at the proper season.

PROGRESS OF AMERICA

as taken from the basis of Earl Township, Lancaster Co., Pa, 200 years ago. In 1709, just 200 years ago, the first colonists settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. A heavy timbered country, everything wild, but the colonists now applied the ax and cleared the land, built houses, barns, bridges, roads, schoolhouses, churches, villages, cities and the like. Here let us meditate and contemplate. In the beginning they had nothing but land, this they could buy for 10c per acre, but most of them did not even have the 10c to buy the land with, only the grit to undertake it. After housing themselves, they cleared a patch to raise something to eat. While they did this they had to subsist on game and fish which abounded then. After raising some wheat they had

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to build a mill. Thus before they had a mill built they crushed the wheat on a flat stone or a hollowed out log, etc. After the mill was built they had to thrash their wheat with the flail, then choose a windy day to separate the wheat from the chaff, and as they had no horses or wagons, they would load it on the cow and lead her to the mill, and after receiving their grist would return with it.

The first wagons were made in a rude form, cutting the wheels out of a plank and rounding them, and the like. We could give minute details of the slow process, but will let this suffice, and take up what had been accomplished in 100 years later in the year 1809. We find that horses were now quite plentiful, mills, wagons, generally good roads and bridges. The mode of gathering grain was now being done by machine. They had a few rude threshing machines, and the wind mills to clean the wheat, turned by hand. Everything was being done by horse-power, and they prided themselves in that they had made wonderful improvements over a century ago. They could haul larger loads of grain to the market; they had the stage coaches for travel from place to place; they had made improvements in the rigging of their sailboats, that instead of taking nearly six months to cross the ocean they could now make the trip in less than three months; they had some street cars in the large cities, run by horse power, and the like.

We will now notice some of the improvements in the next half century. In 1859 they now had the steam-horse, and had a few railroads across the country, steamboats to plow the briny deep, and could now cross the ocean in about five to six weeks; they had the threshing machines run by steam, the machine being greatly improved, in that it now had a fan attached to the machine that cleaned the grain ready for the market; they had a few steam mills, so that they could have them at points where there was no water power to be had, and the people prided themselves in the wonderful progress they had made in improvements in that decade, and it was.

But, now in 1909 what do we find, electric railroads, machinery of all descriptions, run by electric power, steam railroads, that in all is thought to be the height of perfection. We have a few flying machines, that soar through the air. We have the telephone, that we can talk from one end of the country to the other, or across the ocean. We have the wireless telegraph system. We have the steam plow, and machines that go into the harvest field, cut and thrash the wheat and sack it ready for the market; a railroad system that you can get on a car in New York in the evening and take breakfast in Chicago the next morning; machines that reproduce what you say, and will reproduce the music of a band of many different kinds of musical instruments, all at the same time, and many other inventions that could be mentioned here, but will suffice it to say that in the next decade the improvements will still be more wonderful, as we are only in the infancy of electrical ingenuity. The flying machine is to become wonderful in its use. Science is making its appearance and has a place in achieving wonders, and will ere long open wonders to the minds strong enough to grasp it, and there are so many diversified different things that are open for improvement, that we will leave them open to time to come.

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HANSEL WITWER.

Hansel Witwer was the second son of our ancestor; was born at the old Witwer homestead, along the Paxton road, close to the Witwer grave yard. He was a farmer of good standing, although somewhat peculiar in his ideas, customs and habits, and died at the advanced age of 86 years.

4. Hansel Witwer, born about 1742, in Earl Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1828, aged 86 years; married to Miss Baer, in Earl Township, Lancaster Co., Pa.; born to them are: 14.

Joel Witwer, born about 1763, in Earl Tp, Lancaster Co., Pa. married ——— Summa. 15.

Abel Witwer, b. about 1765, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co.; never married. 16.

Noah Witwer, born about 1766, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Mary Bacham. 17.

Hulda Witwer, born about 1768, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; married ——— Stauffer. 18.

Magdalena Witwer, born June 27, 1770, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; never married. 19.

Saloma Witwer, born about 1772, in Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; died young. 20.

It is also worthy to notice that on the old homestead, along the Harrisburgh and Downington Turnpike road, and on which is the Witwer Grave Yard, there is a part of a log barn still standing and in a pretty fair state of preservation, and is quite a contrast by the side of a large bank barn built at a later date, and also a large and beautiful pine tree said to have been planted by Hansel Wittwer, about the time of the American Independence.

ELIZABETH WITTWER.

5. Elizabeth Wittwer, born about 1745, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; married to Jacob Stauffer; date of birth not obtained; born to them were. 21.

David Stauffer, date of birth not obtained, born in Lancaster Co., Pa. 22.

Jacob Stauffer, date of birth not obtained, born in Lancaster Co., Pa. 23.

Maria Ann Stauffer, date of birth not obtained; born in Lancaster Co., Pa.; married to Joseph Ebersole. 24.

Barbara Stauffer, date of birth not obtained, born in Lancaster Co., Pa. 25.

Elizabeth Stauffer, date of birth not obtained, born in Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Andrew Eby. 26.

Susan Stauffer, date of birth not obtained, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., married Samuel Bauman. 27.

Judith Stauffer, date of birth not obtained, born in Lancaster Co., Pa. married Simon Shantz. 28.

Catherine Stauffer, born October 30, 1771, married Michael Weber; date of death or history was not obtained. 29.

6. The second wife of Michael Wittwer was ———Sensenig; born in Lancaster Co.; no further record obtained, but is supposed to have been a sister to Jacob Sensenig, a near neighbor on an adjoining farm.

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JONAS WITTWER.

7. Jonas Wittwer, born Feb. 24,1763, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; died May 12, 1845, aged 82 years, 2 months, 18 days; married, 1784, to Fannie Reife, born April 17, 1763, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; died June 25, 1842, aged 79 years, 2 months, 8 days; born to them were: 30.

Mary Wittwer, born September 5, 1785, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Abraham Weaver. 31.

Susan Wittwer, born June 12, 1787, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Jonas Bucher. 32.

Saloma Wittwer, born Dec. 11, 1789, Lancaster Co., Pa.; died young. 33.

Samuel Wittwer, born Dec. 20, 1791, Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1814. 34.

Jonas Wittwer, jr., born October 28, 1794, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married ——— Happy. 35.

Veronica Wittwer, born August 5, 1798, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Benjamin Eby. 36.

John Wittwer, born May 3, 1801, Lancaster Co., Pa., married Maria Weaver. 37.

Jonas Wittwer built a mill on the old homestead. He was a miller and was noted as a good and respectable citizen, generous and liberal to a fault; yes, an excellent man. He was a member of the Mennonite church. Jonas Wittwer and his wife are both buried in the family grave yard of Benjamin Eby (their son-in-law), in Elizabeth Township, Lancaster County, Pa; their graves numbered with plain marble tomb stones. Jonas Wittwer died, 1845, aged 82 years, 2 months and 18 days; his wife, Fannie died, 1842, aged 79 years, 8 months. They were worthy and respected members of the Mennonite church.

DAVID WITTWER.

8. David Wittwer, born Nov. 6, 1765, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married 1785, to Maria Reife, born November 25, 1765, Lancaster Co., Pa; born to them were: 38.

Elizabeth Wittwer, born 1787, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Benj. Groff. 39.

Mary Wittwer, born 1789, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Daniel Erb. 40.

Rebecca Wittwer, born 1790, Lancaster Co., married Christian Eby. 41.

Michael Wittwer, born 1791, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Margaret Berk. 42.

Anna Wittwer, born 1793, Lancaster Co., Pa; married Jonathan Weaver. 43.

David Wittwer was a farmer and surveyor and noted as a man of considerable intelligence, taste, and activity in his day. He and his daughters had much taste for vocal and instrumental music. David, the father, was noted for being a special good singer, and he bought a piano for the family, which was considered rather tasty and fast for that day and age among some of the old plain friends. He died January 22, 1829, aged 63 years, 3 months and 16 days, and his wife, Maria, died February 16, 1845, aged

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79 years, 2 months and 22 days. They are buried in the Wittwer grave yard in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and date of birth, death, and age entered on their tomb stones. Their farm and nice home, only about half a mile from the grave yard, has changed hands. They were very active members in the Mennonite church, and very highly respected.

DANIEL WITTWER.

9. Daniel Wittwer, born Aug., 1762, Lancaster Co., Pa., married 1790, to Anna Reife, born 1770, Lancaster Co.; born to them were: 44.

Isaac Wittwer, born June 23, 1791, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 45.

Anna Wittwer, born December 15, 1792, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Jacob Sensenig. 46.

Catherine Wittwer, born March 18, 1795, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; married John Hurst. 47.

Daniel Wittwer, jr., born July 21, 1797, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; never married. 48.

Elizabeth Wittwer, born August 28, 1800, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa; married Abraham Buckwalter. 49.

Barbara Wittwer, born July 29, 1803, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Jacob Nissly. 50.

Benjamin Wittwer, born August 8, 1806, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 51.

David Wittwer, born October 18, 1808, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 52.

Michael R. Wittwer, born March 16, 1811, Earl Tp., Lancaster Co., Pa. 53.

We found in Daniel Wittwer's death record some variation on his tomb stone, his age is 50 years, 6 months and 2 days. Thus his death as Feb., 1813, and as the record and tradition gives it that he died one year after his wife, Anna; she died in 1812, aged 42 years, as she was born in 1770.

The father, Daniel Wittwer had a very nice farm on the H. and D. turnpike road, and the Witwer Grave Yard is on this farm. He erected a good house and barn and made good improvements in his time; was a good and noted minister in the Mennonite church; died in the year 1813, aged 50 years, 6 months, 2 days. His wife preceded him just one year. They are both buried in the Witwer grave yard. It is worthy to note that the three youngest sons of our ancestor married three sisters, Reife. The Reifes were among the first settlers in Lancaster County, Pa., in good standing and influential in society, and their properties numerous throughout the different parts of the United States. Daniel Wittwer, after his first wife died, married again to a widow, Mrs. Winger, 54; she was an excellent woman. He lived only about six weeks after his second marriage, when death called him away.

10. Fanny or Frany Wittwer married a Mr. Guyer; this was all the record we were able to get of them; whether they had any family was not obtained. 55.

11. Anna Wittwer married a Mr. Gidinger; this is all the record we were able to obtain from them; they had some children, but no one could give the names of any of them. 56.

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MARIA WITTWER.

'12. Maria Wittwer, born Aug. 25, 1773, married July 1, 1794, to John (Hans) Eby, born October 23, 1767, in Lancaster Count, Pa., died May 25, 1845; born to them were: 57.

Catherine Eby, born ———, 1797, Lancaster Co., Pa.; first child of above. 58.

Jonas W. Eby, born March 14, 1799, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Veronica Nissly. 59.

Mary W. Eby, born May 31, 1801, Lancaster Co., Pa. married Jacob Yundt. 60.

Rebecca W. Eby, born December 3, 1803, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married John Bomberger. 61.

Elias W. Eby, born February 21, 1806, Lancaster Co., Pa.; was sheriff of Lancaster Co. 62.

Elizabeth W. Eby, born October 16, 1808, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Samuel Risser. 63.

Levi W. Eby, born December 31, 1810, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Anna Nissly. 64.

Anna W. Eby, born January 28, 1815, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Samuel Hershey. 65.

They were worthy and respected members of the Mennonite church.

Maria Wittwer Eby died August 29, 1856, aged 83 years and 4 days.

BARBARA WITTWER.

13. Barbara Wittwer, born ———, 1764, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married, 1782, to Jacob Weaver, born ———, 1760; born to them were: 66.

Daniel Weaver, born ———, 1783, no record. 67.

Mary Weaver, born December 5, 1784, married to ——— Linebach. 68.

Catherine Weaver, born ———, married J. Schowalter. 69.

Judith Weaver, born ———, married ——— Musser. 70.

Susie Weaver, born ———, married ——— Musselman. 71.

Joseph Weaver, born ———, 1785, married Mary Dritch. 72.

DESCRIPTION OF WITTWER GRAVE YARD.

In Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa., as taken by George Witwer, of the fourth generation, on August 10, 1885. The location is on the old Wittwer homestead, and is one-fourth of a mile south of the Harrisburgh and Downington Turnpike road. Is fenced in with a good, substantial post and rail fence of the old Pennsylvania style, five rails high and panels twelve feet long, the posts morticed and the ends of the rails beveled and the ends sliped past each other into the mortice in the posts, thus to hold the rails firm in the post. The ground inclosed is about 50 feet wide by about 80 feet long. A weeping willow tree at one corner and a few locust trees surrounding. There

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used to be quite a grove of nice locust trees surrounding this grave yard, but when the land became so valuable, the locust trees and also these trees were cut down to make fence posts, and the ground farmed. The tomb stones in this grave yard are mostly plain white marble and a few of Pennsylvania sand and lime stone, with inscriptions so old that it is almost impossible to make out names, dates, and the like, on them. Of some the oldest legible dated next is dated 1769, M. Wittwer. These were supposed to have been sons of our ancestor, Michael Wittwer, by the Rev. George Witwer, at the time this description was taken; but we have found quite conclusive proof that they were the bachelor brothers of our ancestor, Michael Wittwer, and their names were Jacob and Martin, respectively. There was also a sister to these, who was married to Jacob Holl, and they are buried in this grave yard. The next of the old tomb stones that is legible is that of our ancestor, Michael Wittwer, died 1778; this is all that is on this tomb stone, and is of Pennsylvania sand stone. The oldest person buried in this grave yard is incribed on a plain white marble tomb stone thus: Mary Weaver, born December 5, 1784, died July 21, 1881, aged 96 years, 7 months and 16 days. She was the widow of Joseph Weaver, whose mother was Barbara Witwer, a daughter of our ancestor.

The Holl families have plain white marble tomb stones, quite a number of them all uniform in style and size. Old Mother Holl was a sister to our ancestor. Daniel Holl's tomb stone is the first that is legibly inscribed; on the stone thus, Daniel Holl, born April 6, 1787, died April 21, 1868, aged 81 years and 15 days. Lines on this tomb stone:

Unveil thy bosom—faithful Tomb,
Take our dear Father to thy Trust,
And give these sacred relics room,
Till God shall call him from the dust.

Found no extra fine or costly tomb stones, but quite a number of good plain white marble of uniform style and size. Noah Wittwer and his sister, Magdalena, tomb stones are good marble stones; also, Isaac Wittwer and Frances, his wife, both on one block, with inscription, Isaac Wittwer died September 27, 1831, aged 40 years, 3 months, 4 days; Frances Wittwer died April 30, 1876, aged 86 years, 4 months and 14 days. Some of the Stauffers, Weavers, Holls, Ebys, and the like, all related to the Wittwers of the first and second generations, and quite a number of the old style lime and sand stone tomb stones are so weather beaten and worn that names and dates are not legible. From the date of the oldest stone, 1739, Jacob Wittwer, it is presumed that this grave yard was laid out soon after the organization of Lancaster County, Pa., in 1729. The large and beautiful grove of timber land that surrounded this grave yard in an early day is now all cut down and the land surrounding all nicely fenced and improved, and quite a number of good dwelling houses, barns, orchards, and other improvements have taken the place.

CATHERINE WITTWER.

Catherine Wittwer was a sister to our ancestor, Michael Wittwer. We also found there was sister, Elizabeth Wittwer, 76, of the first generation, but could find nothing about whom she married or what became of her.

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Catherine Wittwer, 73, of the first generation, married to Jacob Holl, 74, dates and records could not be obtained.

Daniel Holl, born April 6, 1787, died April 21, 1868, aged 81 yrs., 15 days. 75.

There were some more children, but the names were not obtained.

JOEL WITTWER.

15. Joel Wittwer, married 1796, to Franny Summa, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., (date not obtained); born to them were: 77.

Abraham Witwer, born October 26, 1797, Lancaster Co., Pa.; married Elizabeth Sower. 78.

Joel Witwer, was killed while training a horse, which kicked him and almost instantly killed him in September, 1797, aged about 34 years. He is buried in Lancaster Co., Pa. His widow married a Mr. Gidinger some years later, which will appear later.

ABEL WITTWER.

16. Abel Wittwer never married. He was a Seven Day Adventist and was a member of the Cloister at Ephrata, Pa. He was a very ingenious man, especially in a mechanical line. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker. As his brother Joel was killed and left an only child, Abraham, who became a great favorite of his uncle, Abel, who took a great delight in training his nephew in the arts of wood working, which he seemed to take a delight in, and was naturally adapted, too, and built a carpenter shop where they made coffins, furniture, and did all kinds of wood work. Abel died and was buried at Ephrata; date of death not obtained, but he left all he had accumulated to his nephew, Abraham, who was my Grandfather, and who gave me a screw driver made by Abel Wittwer, and used by my grandfather in screwing up the coffins in his undertaking business, which they established near New Holland, Pa., about A. D. 1810, or possibly earlier.

NOAH WITTWER.

17. Noah Wittwer married about 1818, to Mary Bachman, born about 1798; born to them were: 79.

Martin Witwer, born December 25, 1819, Lancaster Co., Pa. 80.

Samuel B. Witwer, born July 8, 1821, Lancaster Co., Pa., address, New Berlin, O. 81.

Elizabeth Witwer, born October 25, 1824, Lancaster Co., Pa. 82.

Hannah Witwer, born October 25, 1827, Lancaster Co., Pa., address, New Holland, Pa. 83.

Noah Witwer was a farmer; lived and died on the old homestead of his father, Hansel Wittwer, and is buried in the Witwer grave yard. He died in the prime of life, aged 54 years. The grave is one-fourth of a mile from the residence. He was a worthy member of Mennonite church, and of considerable wealth—a large farm.

HULDA WITTWER.

18. Hulda Witwer married——, to a Mr. Stauffer, but there was no further record obtained.

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MAGDALENA WITTWER.

19. Magdalena Witwer never married. She had a very nice home near the old homestead of her father, Hansel Wittwer. She was a woman of good judgment and quite intelligent; was a great reader in the German language and had quite a library and collection of books and periodicals, and she was very entertaining in conversation and very interesting and well read on Scriptures and things of general interest; was well posted on the political issues of those days. She died November 3, 1853, aged 83 years, 4 months and 6 days. She is buried in the Witwer grave yard, and a very nice tomb stone marks her grave, on which is quite a lengthy epitaph in German, with english letters:

"Hier Ruhet
Magdalena Wittwer
Gaboren Juni den 27th, 1770,
Gastorben Nofember den 3den, 1853.
Aelt 83 yoren, 4 munet und 6 taga," etc.,—12 lines more

22, David Stauffer; 24, Jacob Stauffer, and 25, Barbara Stauffer, these three never married and no other history obtained.

23. Maria Ann Stauffer married to Joseph Ebersole—no record. 85.

26. Elizabeth Stauffer married about 1792, to Andrew Eby, born October 27, 1769; born to them were: 86.

Jacob Eby, married Sallie Boyer. 87.

Catherine Eby, maried to George Fry. 88.

Amos Eby, married to Catherine Plasterer. 89.

Mary Eby, married to John Gerber. 90.

Lizzie Eby, married to Abraham Behm. 91.

Anna Eby, married to George Geib. 92.

Andrew Eby died, and wife married the second time to Abraham Shiffer; born to them were: 93.

Susan Shiffer, born (no date)—these were all born in Lancaster Co., Pa. 94.

Abraham Shiffer, jr., born (no dates received). 95.

SUSAN STAUFFER.

27. Susan Stauffer married (date not obtained) to Samuel Bauman; born to them were: 96.

Leah Bauman, born (no dates received or other information). 97.

Elizabeth Bauman, born (no dates received or other information). 98.

Susan Bauman, born (no dates received or other information). 99.

JUDITH STAUFFER.

28. Judith Stauffer married (date not obtained) to Simon Shantz—no other record obtained. 100.

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CATHERINE STAUFFER.

29. Catherine Stauffer married (no date obtained) to Michael Weber; born to them were the following: 101.

Anna Weber, 102; Susan Weber, 103; Mray Weber, 104; Lydia Weber, 105; Jacob Weber, 106; Michael Weber, 107. This is all the record obtained.

MARY WITWER.

31. Mary Witwer married Abraham Weaver; born to them were: 108.

Susan Weaver, 109; Jonas Weaver, 110; Isaac Weaver, 111; Amos Weaver, 112; Martin Weaver, 113; Abraham Weaver, 114; John Weaver, 115; Fanny Weaver, 116; Mary Weaver, 117; no other record.

SUSAN WITWER.

32. Susan Witwer married about 1805 to Jonas Bucher, born Feb. 27, 1783. 118. She died October 15, 1867, aged 80 years, 4 months and 3 days; he died September 4, 1864, aged 81 years, 6 months and 8 days. Born to them were:

Elizabeth Bucher, born August 10, 1806, married Jacob Krider, and Christ Eby. 119.

Mary Bucher, born about 1807, married Jacob Erb. 120.

Fannie Bucher, born about 1808, married Henry Zug. 121.

Anna Bucher, born ———, married Henry Riest. 122.

Susan Bucher, born June 27, 1814, married Henry Becker. 123.

Leah Bucher, born May 15, 1816, married Seth Eby. 124.

Joseph W. Bucher, born May 20, 1820, died Feb. 3, 1894, aged 73 years, 8 months, 13 days. 125.

Catherine Bucher, born September 17, 1821, died August 22, 1901, aged 79 years, 11 months and 5 days. 126.

Jonas W. Bucher, born ———, married to Susan Bollinger. 127.

This was all the record obtained, and do not know where Susan Witwer Bucher was buried or where they lived.

JONAS WITWER.

35. Jonas Witwer, Jr., married to ——— Happy, born to them were: 128.

Eli Witwer (date of birth or any other of him not obtained). 129.

Anna Witwer, 130, is likewise, no record obtained and we can not tell what became of them, but we are in hopes to find them yet.

VERONICA or FANNY WITWER.

36. Veronica or Fanny Witwer married February 18, 1823, to Rev. Benjamin Eby, born October 5, 1797; born to them were: 131.

Jonas W. Eby, born November 26, 1823, Lancaster Co., Pa. 132.

Christian W. Eby, born June 19, 1826, Lancaster Co., Pa. 133.

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Samuel W. Eby, born February 10, 1829, died young. 134.
Veronica or Fanny Eby, born Sept. 28, 1832, Lancaser Co., Pa. 135.
Benjamin W. Eby, born March 30, 1835, Lancaster Co., Pa. 136.
Isaac W. Eby, born April 13, 1838, Lancaster Co., Pa. 137.
Henry W. Eby, born October 9, 1840, died young. 138.

The father, Benjamin Eby, died April 17, 1866, aged 68 years, 6 months and 12 days. He was a worthy and much respected minister of the Mennonite church in Lancaster Co., Pa., for 33 years.

37. John Witwer married February 12, 1824, to Maria Weaver, born August 11, 1804; born to them were: 139.

Weaver Diller Witwer, born February 2, 1825, Lancaster Co., Pa. 140.
Esther Carpenter Witwer, born April 29, 1828, Lancaster Co., Pa. 141.
Jonas Witwer, born October 10, 1826, died 1840, Lancaster Co., Pa. 142.
Anna Marie Witwer, born ——, 1830, died 1842, Lancaster Co., Pa. 143.
Susan D. Witwer, born April 18, 1832, Erie Co., New York 144
Frances Augusta Witwer, born May 27, 1834, Erie Co., N. Y. 145.
Nancy Elizabeth Witwer, born June ——, 1836, Erie Co., N. Y. 146.
John J. Witwer, born April 5, 1838, Erie Co., New York. 147.
George W. Witwer, born April 9, 1840, Erie Co., New York, 148.
Benjamin H. Witwer, born June 25, 1842, Erie Co., New York. 149.
Henry E. Witwer, born September 4, 1844, Erie Co., New York. 150.

John Witwer and Maria Weaver were married in the City of Lancaster, Pa., and in the year 1831 they removed to Williamsville, Erie County, New York, where he engaged extensively in the milling business, until the year 1858, when he removed with his family to Rockford, Illinois, where he resided until death removed him to rest. His wife, Maria, died August 14, 1872, aged 68 years and 3 days; and John Witwer died March 3, 1881, aged 80 years, lacking just two months. John Witwer was noted as a most excellent man, morally, socially and religiously. Mr. Witwer was early converted and was a member of the Disciple Church at Williamville, N. Y., until his removal to Illinois, when he united with the church there of the same denomination and became a very active and useful member for many years. To know John Witwer was to know one of earth's truest and most honorable noblemen; a devoted father, an honorable citizen, and a devout church member. He died at the residence of his son, Benjamin H. Witwer, Esq., at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

39. Elizabeth Witwer married to Benjamin Groff, (no record received). 151.

MARY WITWER.

40. Mary Witwer married to Daniel Erb, born to them were: 152.

Catherine Erb, born ———, married to Daniel Witwer. 153.
David Erb, born ———, married to Catherine Groff. 154.
Elizabeth Erb, born ———, married to Christian Peifer. 155.
Maria Erb, born ———, married to Benjamin Brubaker. 156.
Anna Erb, born ———, married to M. Baer. 157.

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Daniel Erb, born ———, married to ——— Stauffer. 158.
John Erb, born ———, married to Sarah Frauck. 159.

REBECCA WITWER.

41. Rebecca Witwer married to Christian Eby, born to them: 160.

David Eby, never married. 161.
Maria Eby, married to Henry Breckbill. 162.
Margaret Eby, single, 163; and Lizzie Eby, single, 164.
Catherine Eby, married to Emanuel Neff. 165.
Rebecca Eby, married to Henry Rohrer. 166.
Levi Eby, married to Susan Harnish. 167.
Samuel Eby, married to Mary Ann Esbenshade. 168.
Benjamin Eby, married to Anna Buckwalter. 169.
Emanuel Eby, married to Ann Groff. 170.

MICHAEL WITWER.

42. Michael Witwer married to Margarett Berk; born to them: 171.

David Witwer, married to Catherine Miller. 172.
Peter Witwer, married to Catherine Centimyer. 173.
MichaelWitwer, married to Eliza Brendel. 174.
James Witwer, married to Mary Hurst. 175.
Jacob Witwer, married to Rebecca Kern. 176.
Henry Witwer, is single, Sensenig, Lancaster Co., Pa. 177.
Benjamin Witwer, married to Maria Troop. 178.
Eliza Witwer, married to John Fritz. 179.
Anna Witwer, married to William Nelson. 180.

ANNA WITWER.

43. Anna Witwer married to Jonathan Weaver, born to them: 181.

Samuel Weaver, married to Anna Martin. 182.
David Weaver, married to Lydia Witwer. 183.
Martin Weaver, married to Barbara Reiff. 184.
Jonathan Weaver, died young. 185.
Josiah Weaver, married to May Reiff. 186.
Ezra Weaver, married to Elizabeth Zimmerman. 187.
Mary Weaver, married to John Sensenig. 188.

ISAAC WITWER.

45. Isaac Witwer married, 1814, to Frances Sensenig, born Dec. 14, 1789; born to them were: 189.

Leah Witwer, born August 20, 1815, Lancaster Co., Pa. 190.
Jacob Witwer, born October 31, 1816, died 1820, Lancaster Co., Pa. 191.
Daniel Witwer, born October 10, 1818, Lancaster Co., Pa. 192.
Susan Witwer, born March 17, 1821, Lancaster Co., Pa. 193.
Infant Witwer, born July 17, 1823, died 1823, Lancaster Co., Pa. 194.

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Rev. George Witwer, born August 25, 1824, Lancaster Co., Pa. 195.
Isaac Witwer, born March 2, 1827, Lancaster Co., Pa. 196.
Barbara Witwer, born November 8, 1829. Lancaster Co., Pa. 197.

Isaac Witwer was a farmer, teamster and hotel keeper; always lived in Lancaster Co., Pa., and died September 27, 1831, aged 40 years, 3 months and 14 days, and left his wife with six surviving. He is buried in the Witwer grave yard. His wife remained a widow until death, also removed her, April 30, 1876, at the advanced age of 86 years, 4 months and 14 days. She was an excellent woman; noted for piety and virtue and her good Christian graces, and was a worthy and devoted member of the Church of the Brethren, and is buried by the side of her husband. Two plain white marble tomb stones in one block mark their graves with the following inscriptions:

Isaac Witwer, died September 27, A. D. 1831; aged 40 years, 3 months and 4 days.

Frances Witwer, died April 30, A. D. 1876; aged 86 years, 4 months and 14 days.

ANNA WITWER.

46. Anna Witwer married May, 1811, in Lancaster Co., Pa., to Jacob Sensenig, born June, 1790, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 198.

Daniel Sensenig, born March 2, 1812, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 199.
John Sensenig, born December 21, 1813, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1836. 200.
Anna Sensenig, born October 10, 1815, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1836. 201.
Susan Sensenig, born October 4, 1817, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1836. 202.
Lydia Sensenig, born March 19, 1820, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 203.
Catherine Sensenig, born August 31, 1822, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 204.
Jacob W. Sensenig, born February 23, 1825, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 205.
Elizabeth Sensenig, born 1827; died 1838, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 206.
Magdalena Sensenig, born December 14, 1829, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 207.
Michael Sensenig, born October 25, 1831; died 1833, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 208.

CATHERINE WITWER.

47. Catherine Witwer married 1820 to John Hurst, born 1793; born to them are: 209.

Isaac Hurst, born December 6, 1821, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 210.
David Hurst, born October 29, 1823, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 211.
Amos Hurst, born March 15, 1825, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 212.
John Hurst, born August 20, 1827, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 213.
Benjamin Hurst, born September 14, 1830, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 214.
Samuel Hurst, born September 15, 1832, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 215.
Michael Witwer Hurst, born September 27, 1835, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 216.
Martin Hurst, born March 25, 1839, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 217.

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DANIEL WITWER, Jr.

48. Daniel Witwer, Jr., never married; was doctor; "studied with the noted old Doctor Kaufman of Monheim, Lancaster Co., Pa." Daniel Witwer was quite a pedestrian and in an early day before the time of railroads, started at Lancaster on a trip to Mobile, Alabama, stopping at intervals to suit his own taste. But the country did not suit him there and he soon came back. He was troubled with asthma and he died at Monheim, Lancaster Co., Pa., aged about 50 years.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

49. Elizabeth Witwer married about 1820 (died 1883, aged about 83 years) to Abraham Buckwalter, born ———; born to them are: 218.

Mary Buckwalter, born about 1821. 219.
John Buckwalter, born about 1823, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 220.
Daniel Buckwalter, born about 1825, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 221.
David Buckwalter, born about 1827, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 222.
Anna Buckwalter, born about 1829, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 223.
Elizabeth Buckwalter, born about 1831, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 224.
Samuel Buckwalter, born about 1833, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 225.
Michael Buckwalter, born about 1835, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 226.
Benjamin Buckwalter, born about 1837, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 227.

BARBARA WITWER.

50. Barbara Witwer married 1822 to Jacob Nissly, born December 16, 1800; born to them are: 228.

Anna Nissly, born November 3, 1822, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 229.
Daniel Nissly, born August 28, 1824, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 230.
Harriet Nissly, born March 29, 1827, in Lancaster Co., Pa. No record. 231.
Jacob W. Nissly, born July 6, 1830, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 232.
Barbara Nissly, born August 19, 1832, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 233.
Jemima Nissly, born November 29, 1834, in Lancaster Co., Pa. No record. 234.

BENJAMIN WITWER.

51. Benjamin Witwer married 1827, to Catherine Schnader, born 1806; born to them are: 235.

Michael Witwer, born October 19, 1828, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 236.
Elizabeth Witwer, born January 7, 1831, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 237.
Catherine Witwer, born September 14, 1833, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 238.
James Witwer, born May 25, 1835, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died young. 239.
Anna Witwer, born June 4, 1837, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died young. 240.
Henry Witwer, born March 7, 1840, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 241.
John Witwer, born December 16, 1842, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died young. 242.

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Sarah Witwer, born September 29, 1845, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 243.
Eli Witwer, born March 28, 1851, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died young. 244.

Married second wife, Barbara Ludwig; married July 30, 1868; born to them are: 245.

Susan Witwer, born June 20, 1869, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 246.
Emma Witwer, born July 9, 1873, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 247.
George D. Witwer, born October 13, 1874, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 248.

Benjamin Witwer was a farmer and engaged much of his time in dealing in livestock, buying and selling cattle, horses and sheep. He owned a very fine farm near Goodville, Lancaster Co., Pa., with good improvements, and the farm was under a high state of cultivation. Died April 1, 1877, aged 70 years, 7 months, 24 days.

DAVID WITWER.

52. David Witwer married October, 1830 (died March 30, 1898; aged 89 years, 5 months, 12 days), to Catherine Erb, born December 20, 1810, died April 5, 1852; born to them: 249.

Mary Ann Witwer, born June 1, 1831, in Montgomery Co., O.; single. 250.
Jacob E. Witwer, born November 17, 1832, in Montgomery Co., O. 251.
Amanda Witwer, born December 25, 1834, in Montgomery Co., O. 252.
Elizabeth Witwer, born January 16, 1837, in Montgomery Co., O. 253.
Sarah Witwer, born August 17, 1840, in Montgomery Co., O. 254.
Franklin D. Witwer, born January 2, 1842, in Montgomery Co., O. 255.
Catherine Witwer, born May 7, 1844, in Montgomery Co., O. 256.
Isabella Witwer, born 1846, in Montgomery Co., O.; died young. 257.
Hattie Witwer, born April 17, 1848, in Montgomery Co., O. 258.
Rebecca Witwer, born 1850, in Montgomery Co., O.; died young. 259.
Martha Witwer, born March 29, 1852, in Montgomery Co., O. 260.

Married second wife, Susanna Reiff, born at Harrisburg, Pa., born to them: 261.

Lillian M. Witwer, born 5655 Drexel avenue, Chicago; single. 262.

There were five more children born to them, four of whom died in infancy, but the record was not received.

DAVID WITWER.

David Witwer, son of Daniel and Anna Reiff Witwer, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Oct. 18, 1808; united in marriage with Catherine Erb, and after the death of his good wife Catherine, who died April 5, 1852, aged 41 years, 3 months, 15 days, he united in marriage with Susanna Reiff, born at Harrisburg, Pa. In business callings and occupation he had various changes. He was an excellent saddle and harness maker, engaged in farming and rural pursuits part of his time, also merchandising and trading. It may truly be said of David Witwer that his natural gifts and social qualities were such as to gain the love and esteem of all his friends and acquaintances. In his early years he was a very active and energetic man, well fitted for business of almost any kind. His father and mother both died when he was but a

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youth some eleven or twelve years of age, hence a change from the dear parental home, and having a desire to meet life's battles by energy, industry and economy, he concluded to learn a trade, and accordingly took to the saddle and harness making at Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pa. He soon became quite an expert in the trade and he seemed to be doing quite well. He inherited quite a snug little legacy from his fahter's estate. He concluded to try rural life, stock farming, etc., and moved to Franklin County, Pa., near Shippensburg. Here he bought a farm and seemed to get along fine. But as his mind was changeable, he sold out and moved to Montgomery County, Ohio. Here he passed through the pressing, close and troublesome financial times, and like many he overreached prospects and anticipations and results were rather disastrous but unavoidable. But as David was always considered a true friend, therefore he had friends in return. He lived in this part of the state for a number of years, raised a large family of respectable children who have entered into the mariage state, most of them residing in Clark County, Ohio, where they have comfortable homes and are worthy, influential and respected members of society. Some years later he removed to Wells County, Indiana, and finally concluded to try the prairie country and located in Grundy County, Illinois, in the town of Gardner. Here he worked at his trade for some time, but became dissatisfied and returned to southern Ohio, having always been partial to that part of the state, and well does the writer remember of him speaking of Dayton, Ohio, and vicinity as comparing favorably with the best parts of Pennsylvania, his native state.

MICHAEL R. WITWER.

53. Michael R. Witwer married, June 12, 1843, to Anna Margaret Yundt, born July 6, 1823; born to them are: 263.

Virginia Witwer, born ———, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 264.
Bentley Jacob Witwer, born February 25, 1846, died 1848, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 265.
Winfield Scott Witwer, born May 3, 1848, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 266.
Minerva Augusta Witwer (not obtained), in Lancaster Co., Pa. 267.
Ida Louella Witwer, born July 4, 1854, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1854. 268.
Michael Victor Witwer, born February 23, 1856, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 269.
Missouri Blanche Witwer, born (not obtained), in Lancaster Co., Pa. 270.
Harry Yundt Witwer, born August 30, 1860, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 271.
Abraham Lincoln Witwer, born March 22, 1865, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 272.
William Lewellin Witwer, February 14, 1869, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1871. 273.

In the year 1842 Michael R. Witwer was elected brigadier general of the militia and in 1857 brigadier general of the volunteers. This official standing was the cause of the term General Witwer, being thus used by his acquaintances and friends. In his occupation and business, he had a great inclination for dealing in live stock, horses, mules and cattle. He made frequent trips to the west buying up live stock and shipping to the eastern markets

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for sale. He also engaged in other business ventures, did some merchandising of several varieties. He was quite shrewd and successful.

CATHERINE EBY.

58. Catherine Eby, married to John Hostetter; born to them: 274.
Magdalena Hostetter, born ———; married Henry Shenk, in Pa. 275.
Mary Hostetter, born ———; married Christian Herr, in Pa. 276.
Catherine Hostetter, born ———; married Jacob Shenk, in Pa. 277.
Henry Hostetter, born ———; never married. 278.
Elias Hostetter, born ———; married Mary Ann Lehman, in Pa. 279.
Jonas E. Hostetter, born ———; married Barbara K. Nissley, in Pa. 280.
Abraham Hostetter, born ———; married Rose Hogendobler, in Pa. 281.
John E. Hostetter, born ———; married Elizabeth Stehman, in Pa. 282.

JONAS W. EBY.

59. Jonas W. Eby married December 12, 1819, to Veronica Nissley Huber; born to them are: 283.
Anna Huber Eby, born June 21, 1798, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 284.
John N. Eby, born September, 1820, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 285.
Fannie N. Eby, born June 10, 1823, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 286.
Elias N. Eby, born February 8, 1826, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 287.
Samuel N. Eby, born April 14, 1828, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 288.
Simon J. Eby, born June 6, 1831, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 289.
Amon N. Eby, born February 8, 1835, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1860. 290.
Henry N. Eby, born August 6, 1837, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 291.

MARY W. EBY.

60. Mary W. Eby married Jacob Yundt; born to them were: 292.
John Yundt, 293; Allen Yundt, 294; Levi Yundt, 295; Rebecca Yundt, 296; Polly Yundt, 297; Samuel Yundt, 298; Jacob Yundt, 299.

REBECCA W. EBY.

61. Rebecca W. Eby married 1837, to John Bomberger; born to them are: 300.
Martin Bomberger, born December 12, 1839, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 301.
Samuel Bomberger, born April 28, 1842, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 302.
Christian Bomberger, born February 2, 1845, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 303.

ELIAS W. EBY.

62. Elias W. Eby married, 1862, (was sheriff of Lancaster Co., Pa.), to Elizabeth Erb, born June 19, 1807; born to them were: 304.
Simon P. Eby, born August 1, 1827, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 305.
Mary E. Eby, born April 5, 1834, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 306.
Eliza Ann Eby, born October 12, 1846, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 307.

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ELIZABETH W. EBY.

63. Elizabeth W. Eby married 1827, to Samuel Risser, born ———; born to them are: 308.

Anna E. Risser, born June 1, 1828, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 309.
Mary E. Risser, born August 4, 1831, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 310.
Levi E. Risser, born April 19, 1834, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died young. 311.
Jonas E. Risser, born September 20, 1837, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 312.
Reuben E. Risser, born June 29, 1840, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 313.
Samuel W. Risser, born November 16, 1843, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 314.
Joseph E. Risser, born September 25, 1846, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 315.

Married second to Peter Risser, born ———.

LEVI W. EBY.

64. Levi W. Eby married 1837, to Anna Nissley Gerber, born August 6, 1810; born to them are: 317.

Mary N. Eby, born December 3, 1837, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 318.
Infant son, born March 17, 1839, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 319.
Sarah N. Eby, born March 10, 1841, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 320.
Fannie N. Eby, born December 21, 1843, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 321.
Fianna N. Eby, born August 25, 1846, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 322.
Rebecca N. Eby, born October 4, 1850, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 323.

ANNA W. EBY.

65. Anna W. Eby married to Samuel Hershey; born to them are: 324.

Levi E. Hershey, 325; Mary E. Hershey, 326; Henry E., 327; Anna E., 328.

MARY WEAVER.

68. Mary Weaver married to Mr. ——— Leinebach, in Pa. 329.

CATHERINE WEAVER.

69. Catherine Weaver married to J. Schowalter, in Pa. 330.

JUDITH WEAVER.

70. Judith Weaver married to Mr. Musser, in Pennsylvania. 331.

SUSIE WEAVER.

71. Susie Weaver married to Mr. Musselman, in Pa. 332.

JOSEPH WEAVER.

72. Joseph Weaver married, 1785, to Mary Dritch, born in Pa. 333.

The widow of Joseph Weaver is buried in the Witwer grave yard and is the oldest person buried there, being 96 years, 7 months and 16 days old.

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78. Abraham Witwer married Aug. 17, 1817, died Nov. 20, 1870, to Elizabeth Sower, born April 8, 1801, died April 25, 1888; born to them are: 334.

Dr. Levi S. Witwer, born September 4, 1818, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 335.
Barbara Witwer, born June 24, 1820, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 336.
Jonathan Witwer, born February 10, 1822, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 337.
Samuel S. and Elizabeth Witwer (twins), born May 3, 1824, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 338 and 339.
Cyrus Witwer, born March 18, 1826, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 340.
Jacob Witwer, born April 28, 1828, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 341.
Louisa Witwer, born January 13, 1830, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1831. 342.
Rachael Witwer, born July 23, 1832, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 343.
Mary Ann Witwer, born July 30, 1833, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1833. 344.
Abraham Witwer, born August 12, 1835, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 345.
Aaron Witwer, born May 5, 1837, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; died 1837. 346.
Phares Witwer, born February 16, 1839, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 347.
Anna Witwer, born March 2, 1848, in Summit Co., O. 348.

Abraham Witwer, the only child of his parents, born near New Holland, Pa., was brought up by his widowed mother. But by reason of being an orphaned child he became a great favorite of his Grandfather Hansel and his Uncle Abel, who took much pleasure in teaching him in all the different arts and sciences that he was inclined to adapt himself to, as Abel was a natural genius and mechanic of various kinds, and as Abraham had a natural desire and pleasure to be working in wood he thus soon acquired the efficiency of making anything out of wood, and they made furniture and coffins and did quite an extensive business in undertaking. But before Abraham reached his majority he fell deeply in love with Elizabeth Sowers and they were married on August 17, 1817, and Abraham then bought six acres of land situated two miles southwest of New Holland, along the Turnpike road to Vogansville, and he built a neat little home on this land and a carpenter shop in which, besides farming his little land, he did carpenter work, cabinet work and undertaking, and here they brought up quite a large family and they so prospered that in 1832 he sold his little six-acre farm to a Mr. Brubaker and bought ninety acres from his mother, who had inherited a large farm from the Summa estate (her parents). On this ninety-acre farm was a one-story stone house and quite a large stone barn, and he built himself a good-sized carpenter shop along the turnpike road, just a little ways from the house, which was just to the outside of Vogansville. The carpenter shop was not very far from the stone house and whenever they heard the saws rattling in the carpenter shop it was a sure sign that a funeral was in the near vicinity. A death occurring in the neighborhood, he would go and measure the corpse and cut a stick the exact length of the corpse and then make the coffin according to that measure. These sticks he would mark carefully and tie them up in bundles and preserve them, of which he had quite a lot of them of all different

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lengths, that he had stored away. The coffins were made of wild cherry or black walnut wood, according to the choice of the customer. This would be highly polished and varnished on the sides and top; the top generally was raised in the middle. He had a large and fine hearse and carried on the undertaking business quite exclusively, while his sons did the work on the farm, and he prospered. This farm was situated northeast of Vogansville, just to the edge of the village along the road leading to New Holland, and was land of very excellent quality and in 1843 he sold this property for $8,500. He then made a trip to Ohio and the country suited him so well that he went back to Vogansville and built himself a large wagon with a covered box on and in the spring of 1844 hitched four good horses to this wagon and one to the buggy and they made the trip across the mountains. Cyrus, then being about eighteen years of age, drove the team all the way. They came to Ohio. Abraham bought 160 acres of first-class land in the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, on which was two sets of buildings and a saw mill, which he bought for $6,400, and as he was now so well situated he sold this farm to his sons Jonathan and Cyrus in partnership in 1849, and he bought fifty-two acres of land adjoining this farm on the east, situated in Stark County Ohio. This little farm had good buildings on and he built himself a carpenter shop out to the road, where he whiled away the evening of his life, making pieces of furniture as keepsakes for his grandchildren, and as I was quite young then he gave me—"the compiler of this work"—a screwdriver and told me that his uncle Abel made it for him and that I should take good care of it, that when I would get older I would appreciate it more than I did then at that time, and I wish to say that he was right, not for the value of it, but because my grandfather appreciated the gift of his uncle to him in carefully preserving and appreciating it, and then that he thought that well of me to give me a token of his love in presenting me with a gift of that kind is what puts the value to the article; and the screw-driver that closed the doors to many mortals for the last long rest on this earth, they had gone to their quiet closet to moulder to the dust from whence they came. Grandfather Abraham Witwer died November 20, 1870, aged 73 years and 23 days, and is buried at Mt. Zion, one half mile south of the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, in Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio.

Abraham Witwer and wife were devoted members of the Church of the Brethren, then known as the Dunkard church, and they used to hold their meetings in the houses in winter and in the barns in the summer time. Grandmother Witwer survived him for many years and many good words of counsel did I receive from her. She died April 25, 1888, aged 87 years and 17 days, and is buried in the new grave yard of the Church of the Brethren, just about 100 yards from the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, just across the south line and west of the corner, but in Stark County, and about twenty-five feet south of the county line, close to the grave yard fence. Here just west of this grave yard at the crossroad and about 200 yards west of the southeast corner of Summit County, the Church of the Brethren built quite a large church, and as Grandmother Witwer contributed considerable towards this edifice and grounds it was her desire to be buried there, which is just half a mile north of where her husband, Abraham Witwer, is buried.

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CUSTOMS OF THE EARLIER DAYS.

In those earlier days of our grandparents each farmer would raise about an acre of flax each year, or possibly a couple acres, to supply the wants of the family for clothing, bedding, and for whatever they saw fit to use it for. The care of the flax was a great chore to prepare it for use. When the flax got ripe you could see father, mother, and all the children out in the field pulling the flax, and it had to be pulled carefully for two reasons: First, to save the seed; second, so as not to break the stems and make it disagreeable to handle. Then after it was pulled it was tied into small sheaves by wraping it with about two or three stems, so it could be handled easily and at once taken close to shelter, so that if it should happen to rain that it could be taken into the dry, and where it could be taken out in the sun during favorable weather so that the seed would thoroughly ripen and dry. When thus good ripe and dry it would be carried into a closed room where they would take these small sheaves by the root end and hammer the heads on the side of a barrel to knock the seed all out; after the seed was thoroughly knocked off of the stems, the sheaves would be carried out and opened and spread out thin and carefully so as not to break the stems and get it tangled, but to spread it carefully so it could be bleached. In Dutch we called it "raitza." Then to bleach it evenly we would go along with a long pole and slide it under one edge of the winrow of flax and thus flop it over to give the sun a chance to the other side so as to bleach it alike on all sides. This process is what whitens the fiber and is therefore something that required care so as to give it a nice clean, white color, and if it got rain this would turn it to a dirty gray color. So this part required good sunshine weather and careful handling. After it was carefully bleached (graitzed), then it would be taken to the breaker (brecher), and for the benefit of the young generation and those brought up in the city, I will attempt to explain the whole process of what had to be done to prepare the flax and wool for our clothing, deeming this interesting to at least some of you to read. The breaker was made of slats of boards about three-fourths of an inch thick, three to four inches wide and from four to six feet long, then bevel the one edge on both sides just to take the sharp corners off a little; then fasten about four to six of these slats together, side by side, with a block between of about an inch thick and make two of these; then hinge the one end of these together in such a way as to interlock one board with the other, that the boards of one will strike between two of the other side, like interlocking the fingers of your hands, thus you lift the top part of this machine with your right hand and with the left hand lay the flax across the lower part, then slam the top part down and this will break the flax straw or wooden part up fine. Thus after the flax is thoroughly broken in this way, then it has to be schutched—in Dutch we called it (shwinga)—which is done with a paddle a little similar to the end of an oar of a boat, and you also want a rigging a little similar to what a hod carrier uses to hang his hod on to fill it; then you hold the broken flax in your left hand and lay it over the end of the board and with the paddle strike it edgewise with the edge of the paddle, thus scutching the broken-up straw or wood out of the flax tow, and after it is scutched in good shape, then it is taken over the hackel. This in Dutch is hechel. A hackel is made with good sharp steel nails fastened to a block with the points up and real close together and the points as sharp as

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needles; then you slam the flax tow on this and pull it across this so as to shred the fiber of the flax and slit and shred it until you get the fiber as fine as silk threads. The better it is hackeled the finer it can be spun, and after it is thus hackeled it is ready for the spinning wheel, and after the spinning was done it was woven into cloth. Then they used to make us shirts and pants out of that flax cloth, and I will never forget when we would wear them for the first week or two, how they used to scratch and it makes me scratch now when I think of it. Then father would ask what is the matter, have you got the itch? Then if we would tell him that the shirt was scratching so, he would say: "Don't they scratch enough that you have to scratch some more with your finger nails? We would have better left more of the straw in so it would have scratched you enough," and it was a long time before I could understand the argument.

I saw my mother spin the woolen yarn from natural black sheep's wool and natural white wool, and she spun it real fine, then they had it woven into cloth, the black and white threads having been twisted together lightly and it made a real nice salt and peper color, and she made me a suit of that and it was quite a nice suit for the time. But she made it big enough so I would not outgrow it and I thought it never would wear out, but it did or else possibly I would be wearing it yet, for I well know the suit would fit me better now than it did then.

Abraham Witwer's mother, Franny Summa Witwer, married the second time to Mr. Gidinger, 349, and born to them were: John, 350; David, 351; Abraham, 352; Jacob, 353; Elizabeth, 354, and Fanny Gidinger, 355.

MARTIN WITWER.

80. Martin Witwer married September 25, 1847, to Margaret Setley, born November 7, 1824; born to them were: 356.
Annie Virginia Witwer, born June 24, 1848, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 357.
Albert T. Witwer, born July 9, 1850, in Sterling, Ill. 358.
Elam C. Witwer, born July 29, 1852, in Sterling, Ill. 359.
Lizzie Witwer, born December 15, 1856, in Sterling, Ill. 360.
Robert F. Witwer, born December 18, 1858, in Sterling, Ill. 361.
Rolland Witwer, born October 16, 1861, in Sterling, Ill. 362.
Ida Witwer, born October 20, 1863, in Sterling, Ill. 363.

Second wife, Mary A. Walters, born June, 1847; married June 24, 1880. 364.
Leroy D. Witwer, born March 16, 1882, in Sterling, Ill. 365.

Martin Witwer located at Sterling, Ill., soon after he was married. He was a farmer in good circumstances and a worthy, respectable and influential citizen. Died A. D. 1894; is buried near Sterling, Ill.

SAMUEL B. WITWER.

81. Samuel B. Witwer married 1846, at New Berlin, O., to Elizabeth Schreiner, born ———; born to them are: 366.

Emeline Witwer, born ———, 1847, in Stark Co., O., at New Berlin. 367.

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Noah Witwer, born ———, 1849, in Stark Co., O., at New Berlin. 368.
Elizabeth Witwer, born ———, 1851, in Stark Co., O., at New Berlin. 369.

Samuel B. Witwer came from Pennsylvania on horseback in A. D. 1843. He was then in the prime of his life, a tall man and stylish, dressed well, had jet black hair, was fond of fast and fancy horses. He was a tailor by trade and bought goods at Lancaster, Pa., and made frequent trips there for that purpose, having made the trip there and back fifteen times, sometimes by horseback, by coach and by railroad. He was a very good friend and a first cousin of our grandfather, Abraham Witwer, and on one of his journeys to Pennsylvania he brought quite a large sum of money for him. Samuel B. Witwer has resided in New Berlin, Ohio, ever since 1843. He has a comfortable home and enjoys life. He is in his eighty-eighth year and is quite rugged and hearty, is highly respected and has always been an exemplary neighbor and citizen.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

82. Elizabeth Witwer married to Jacob Eby, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 370. Their children are: Noah W. Eby, 371; Jacob W. Eby, 372; Aaron S. Eby, 373; George W. Eby, 374; Cora Eby, 375, and Hannah E. Eby, 376. Elizabeth Witwer Eby died October 29, 1854, aged 30 years and 4 days. Jacob W., George W. and Cora Eby died young.

HANNAH WITWER.

83. Hannah Witwer married to Peter Diller; children are: 377. Emma E., 378; Enos O., 379; Frances M., 380; Ada H. Diller, 381.

Mr. Diller died. She married a second time to Isaac Numbers; born to them are: 382.
Clarissa, 383; Erastus, 384; Edward W., 385, and Ellen C. Numbers, 386.

Her second husband died in 1882, and she now resides at New Holland, Pa., and is in her eighty-second year.

JACOB EBY.

87. Jacob Eby married to Sallie Boyer; born to them were: 387.

Amos Eby, 388; Jacob Eby, Jr., 389; Lizzie Eby, 390; Sarah Eby, 391; Anna Eby, 392; Susan Eby, 393; John Eby, 394; Samuel Eby, 395.

CATHERINE EBY.

88. Catherine Eby married to George Fry; born to them were: 396.

David Fry, 397; second husband, John Cover, 398; born to them were: Polly Cover, 399; Mattie Cover, 400; Israel Cover, 401; Abraham Cover, 402; Susan Cover, 403.

AMOS EBY.

89. Amos Eby married to Catherine Plasterer; born to them: 404.

Henry Eby, 405; Lizzie Eby, 406; Samuel Eby, 407.

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MARY EBY.

90. Mary Eby married to John Gerber, born to them were: 408.

Henry, 409; Samuel, 410; John, Jr., 411; Abraham, 412; Anna, 413; Andrew, 414.

LIZZIE EBY.

91. Lizzie Eby married to Abraham Behm, born to them were: 415.

John, 416; Lizzie, 417; Abraham, Jr., 418; Jacob, 419; Catherine, 420; Anna, 421; Elias, 422.

92. Anna Eby married to George Geib. 423.

ELIZABETH BUCHER.

111. Elizabeth Bucher married ———, 1823, to Jacob Krider; born and died without issue married. 424.

Second marriage to Christian Eby, born January 1, 1800; born to them were: 425.

Lizzie Eby, 426, married to Abraham Rohrer. 427.

Anna Eby, 428, married to John Ginrich (no record). 429.

120. Mary Bucher married to Jacob Erb (no record). 430.

121. Fannie Bucher married to Henry Zug (no record). 431.

122. Anna Bucher married to Henry Riest (no record). 432.

123. Susan Bucher married to Henry Becker. 433.

LEAH BUCHER.

124. Leah Bucher married, November 2, 1841, to Seth Eby, born January 30, 1820; born to them were: 434.

Susan B. Eby, born ———, married to Abraham Lane. 435.

Mary B. Eby, married to Peter Ebersole. 436.

JOSEPH BUCHER.

125. Joseph Bucher married to Anna Shenk; she died. 437.

He married Catherine Risser, born Sept. 17, 1821; died 1901. 438.

126. Catherine Bucher married to Christian Hernly. 439.

127. Jonas W. Bucher married to Susan Bollinger. 440.

JONAS W. EBY.

132. Jonas W. Eby married, September 14, 1852, to Susan Hershey, born ———; born to them were: 441.

Benjamin H. Eby, born, 1853; not obtained. 442.

Ruben H. Eby, born, 1855; not obtained. 443.

Amanda H. Eby, born, 1857; not obtained. 444.

Susanna H. Eby, born, 1859; not obtained. 445.

Fanny H. Eby, born, 1861; not obtained. 446.

Noah H. Eby, born, 1863; not obtained. 447.

Mary H. Eby, born, 1865; not obtained. 448.

Jonas H. Eby, born, 1868; not obtained. 449.

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CHRISTIAN W. EBY.

133. Christian W. Eby married, November 1, 1853, to Magdalena Hershey, died September 13, 1874; born to them were: 450.

Elam H. Eby, born, 1854; not obtained. 451.
Fannie H. Eby, born, 1856; not obtained. 452.
Mattie H. Eby, born, 1858; not obtained. 453.
Amon H. Eby, born, 1860; not obtained. 454.
John H. Eby, born, 1862; not obtained. 455.

Married second wife, Susan Lesher, Nov. 18, 1875; not obtained. 456.

Christian Eby was ordained a deacon in the old Mennonite church, near Hagerstown, Maryland, May 15, 1869. Isaac W. Eby was ordained a deacon in the old Mennonite church, near Clapspring, Washington Co., Md., October 13, 1879.

VERONICA EBY.

135. Veronica Eby married, September 7, 1854, to Jacob Risser, born ———; born to them were: 457.

John E. Risser, married Barbara Martin; not obtained. 458.
Susanna E. Risser, married Henry Keener, not obtained. 459.
Martin E. Risser, 460; Samuel E. Risser, 461; Benjamin E. Risser, 462; Mary E. Risser, 463; Mattie E. Risser, 464; Amos E. Risser, 465; Jacob E. Risser, 466; Fannie E. Risser, 467; not obtained.

BENJAMIN W. EBY.

136. Benjamin W. Eby married, October 30, 1867, to Nancy Reife, born to them was: 468.

Anna Eby, born March 15, 1868; not obtained. 469.

ISAAC W. EBY.

137. Isaac W. Eby married, December 27, 1866, to Mary Martin, born to them were: 470.

Jacob M. Eby, born, 1867; not obtained. 471.
Fannie Ada Eby, born, 1869; died, 1885; not obtained. 472.
Amos Franklin Eby, born, 1871; not obtained. 473.
Lizzie May Eby, born, 1873; not obtained. 474.
Isaac Victor Eby, born, 1875; not obtained. 475.

WEAVER DILLER WITWER.

140. Weaver Diller Witwer married, December 23, 1852, to Ellen C. Ransom, born March 1, 1826; born to them were: 476.

Frank R. Witwer, born October 9, 1853, in Erie Co., N. Y. 477.
Nellie C. Witwer, born July 27, 1856, at Rockford, Ill. 478.
Bessie R. Witwer, born February 10, 1858, at Rockford, Ill. 479.
Weaver Diller Witwer, Jr., born September 11, 1859, at Rockford, Ill. 480.
Marie Witwer, single, born April 19, 1864, at Rockford, Ill. 481.
Clark C. Witwer, single, born August 26, 1870, at Rockford, Ill. 482.

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Weaver Diller Witwer, born February 1, 1825, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; married in Erie Co., N. Y.; was a farmer, resided at Williamsville, Erie Co., N. Y., until 1854, when he moved to Rockford, Ill., where he farmed until 1879, when he moved to Topeka, Kansas, where they resided as good, respectable citizens and worthy members of society, and the father died in June, 1907, aged 82 years.

ESTHER CARPENTER WITWER.

141. Esther Carpenter Witwer married June 3, 1847, to Isaac Howel Shaver, born February 11, 1825; born to them were: 483.

John Hamilton Shaver, born Feb. 11, 1849, in Jordan, Canada. 484.
Ella Mary Shaver, born January 10, 1852, in Jordan, Canada. 485.
Marie Shaver, born January 18, 1855, died 1859, in Rockford, Ill. 486.
Bessie Ensetta Shaver, born May 9, 1857, in Vinton, Iowa. 487.
Fred Honald Shaver, born February 15, 1870, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 488.

Isaac Howell Shaver and sons are proprietors of two steam cracker factories, one in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and one in Des Moines, Ia. Isaac H. Shaver died October 12, 1906, aged 82 years.

Esther C. Witwer Shaver was an exemplary fine woman, highly respected and loved by all who knew her; she was an ideal Christian woman.

SUE D. WITWER.

144. Sue D. Witwer married January 13, 1853, in Erie Co., N. Y., to Edward A. Brown, born Dec. 10, 1826, in Ontario Co., N. Y.; born to them were: 489.

Eva A. Brown, born November 29, 1853, in Genessee Co., N. Y. 490.
Etta V. Brown, born August 5, 1855, in Genessee Co., N. Y. 491.
Hattie M. Brown, born January 2, 1863, died 1868, Genessee Co. 492.
Lewis H. Brown, born March 23, 1866, drowned 1879, Genessee Co. 493.

They are farmers and in the dairy business at Corfer, Gennessee Co., New York.

FRANCES A. WITWER.

145. Frances A. Witwer married, June, 1854, to Peter Clark Garret, born September, 1828; born to them were: 494.

Leila M. Garret, born April 29, 1855, died 1899. 495.
Stella A. Garret, born July 26, 1858, Pennbrook, Genessee Co., N. Y. 496.
Charles E. Garret, born June 6, 1863, in Genessee Co., N. Y. 497.
John Witwer Garret, born December 15, 1865, Genessee Co., N. Y. 498.
Frances I. Garret, born Oct. 1, 1870, died 1879, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 499.

Frances Augusta Witwer, born May 27, 1834, at Williamsville, Erie County, New York, was brought up to womanhood in the City of Williamsville, New York, and was united in marriage to Peter Clark Garret in June, 1854. She was an extraordinary woman, of such a lovely character, of such great devotion to her husband and family. Her life was so remarkably sweet and pure, and she was a very beautiful woman, and was beloved by everybody. All her brothers and sisters speak of her in an endearing manner,

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as to her ever kind ways and her goodness in and out of her home. She was remarkably generous, and in the year of 1867 they removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the loving mother of the above respected family was called away by the grim reaper of death, on October 8, 1870. She was just in the prime of life; she was much needed by her family, but He that knoweth all things for the best, saw fit to remove her, and she was laid to rest at Cedar Rapids cemetery. Peter Clark Garret died in February, 1904.

NANCY ELIZABETH WITWER.

146. Nancy Elizabeth Witwer married October 13, 1859, to J. P. Watson, born June 29, 1838, at Lempter, N. H., died 1908. 500. Born to them were:

George W. Watson, born July 21, 1864, died 1905. 501.
Jennie P. Watson, born June 7, 1867, died 1901. 502.
Frank E. Watson, born June 22, 1871. 503.
Charles E. Watson, born July 12, 1875. 504.

Nancy E. Witwer was born June 13, 1836, at Williamsville, Erie Co., New York, and the Rev. J. P. Watson was born June 29, 1838, at Lempster, New Hampshire. They united in marriage on October 13, 1859, at Rockford, Ill. The husband, Elder J. P. Watson, is a minister in the Christian church at Troy, Ohio, having labored for and with this church at this place for 16 years, thus giving the best of evidence as to his worth and usefulness as a devoted, faithful and esteemed minister of the Gospel. He is secretary of the Children's Mission Work, that began October, 1878, with one dime in its treasury. It has in its employ 25 missionary preachers and teachers in sixteen different states and has under its control a literary and theological department. Its missionaries in four years visited 749 neighborhoods, organized and assisted in organizing 65 churches and 69 Sunday Schools; preached 6467 sermons; witnessed 1241 conversions; received 2487 members; baptized 363 persons; called on 9170 families; traveled 59,948 miles in their work. It has no paid agents or salaried officers; every dime received goes to the work in the field. Its workmen need to be multiplied. Its calls are more than can be answered, before the year 1886 ends they hope to enter the foreign field. J. P. Watson, Troy, O.

JOHN J. WITWER.

147. John J. Witwer married, 1869, in Richville, Genessee Co., N. Y., to Sarah Harroon, born April 23, 1843, in Toledo, O.; born to them were: 505.

Robert W. Witwer, born April 4, 1870, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 506.
Esther C. Witwer, born January 18, 1872, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 507.
Rachael E. Witwer, single, born Aug. 10, 1873, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 508.
Bertha H. Witwer, born April 5, 1876, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 509.

John J. Witwer and Frank R. Witwer, his nephew, compose the firm of J. J. and F. R. Witwer, spice mills and retail grocers, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This was the record of 1886, and having received nothing further will have to let it go at this, and all I can add is that F. R. Witwer is

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traveling salesman for the Witwer Brothers' Wholesale Grocery Co., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

GEORGE W. WITWER.

148. George W. Witwer married, December 18, 1867, to Sarah A. Gregory; bornto them were: 510.

Edward B. Witwer, born March 2, 1869, in Rockford, Ill. 511.
John J. Witwer, born September 18, 1870, died 1903, Rockford, Ill. 512.
Mable Witwer, born August 30, 1872, in Rockford, Ill. 513.
Edith L. Witwer, born July 25, 1877, in Rockford, Ill. 514.

George W. Witwer, a dealer in oil and gasoline, has a regular route. The compiler is pleased to make mention that he has been one of the leading correspondents in getting up material for this work, and aiding in getting information in relation to the Witwer relatives, especially from his father's family, and has taken a deep interest in the completion of the work. The correspondence has been of the most pleasant and satisfactory kind and always showing such a true Christian spirit as to make a person happy in receiving his messages, and he has shown himself to be a most excellent man.

BENJAMIN H. WITWER.

149. Benjamin H. Witwer married September 25, 1866, address, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Mary A. Hurd, born May 2, 1843; born to them were: 515.

Mary W. Witwer, born March 19, 1868, at Rockford, Ill. 516.
Jesse June Witwer, born June 18, 1875, at Rockford, Ill. 517.

Benjamin Hershey Witwer started in the grocery business in Rockford, Ill., in 1864, and in the year 1881 formed the partnership with his brother, Henry E., of the firm of Witwer Brothers Co., Wholesale Grocers, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Benjamin H. has been in the grocery business for 45 years, and they have been very successful, and I wish to mention here that the information received from Benjamin H. has been highly interesting and has been given with such a good Christian spirit that it has been a great pleasure in receiving his letters which prove him to be a Christian in the full and true sense of the word. And I find that he is quite a prominent member of the Christian church at his home city and very highly respected and influential.

HENRY E. WITWER.

150. Henry E. Witwer married June 18, 1875, address, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Harriet E. Baker, born July 18, 1847, in Erie Co., N. Y.; born to them were: 518.

Anna Marie Witwer, born March 31, 1876, died April 30, 1876. 519.
Benjamin H. Witwer, born February 18, 1877, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 520.
Grace W. Witwer, born December 23, 1878, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 521.
Harriet B. Witwer, single, born November 30, 1880, Cedar Rapids. 522.
Henry E. Witwer, Jr., born May 28, 1886, died 1906, Cedar Rapids. 523.

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Louis H. and Percy P. Witwer, (twins) born December, 13, 1887, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 524 and 525.

Henry E. Witwer is a wholesale grocer of the firm of Witwer Brothers, on Front St., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and according to the Sunday School Journal of the Christian Church, is in very high standing "especially among the young ladies of Cedar Rapids, Iowa," and we, therefore, deem it to suffice in saying that his standing is at the "top." Louis H. and Percy P., the twin sons of Henry E. Witwer, are salesmen for the wholesale firm.

MARIA EBY.

162. Maria Eby married to Henry Breckbill, born to them: 526.

Ameziah E. Breckbill, 527; Naomi Ada Breckbill, 528; Elmira Clara Breckbill, 529; Susan Rebecca Breckbill, 530; Preston E. Breckbill, 531; Seymour Henry Breckbill, 532; Margurite Breckbill, 533.

CATHERINE EBY.

165. Catherine Eby married to Emanuel Neff; born to them: 534.

Rebecca Neff, 535; Enos Neff, 536; Harry E. Neff, 537; John Neff, 538; Christian Neff, 539; Mary Neff, 540; Catherine Neff, 541.

REBECCA EBY.

166. Rebecca Eby married to Henry Rohrer, born to them: 542.

Salmon Classa Rohrer, 543; John Henry Rohrer, 544; Elsie V. Elizabeth Rohrer, 545.

LEVI EBY.

167. Levi Eby married to Susan Harnish; born to them were: 546.

Elias H. Eby, 547; Mary A. Eby, 548; Anna E. Eby, 549; Rebecca E. Eby, 550.

SAMUEL EBY.

168. Samuel Eby married to Mary Ann Esbenshade; born to them were: 551.

Kezia Eby, 552; Phares Eby, 553; Elizabeth Ann Eby, 554.

BENJAMIN EBY.

169. Benjamin Eby married to Anna Buckwalter; born to them were: 555.

Christian Eby, 556; Barbara Eby, 557; Hettie A. Eby, 558; Saloma Eby, 559; Rufus Eby, 560; Laura Eby, 561; Lizzie Eby, 562; Benjamin F. Eby, 563; Susanna L. Eby, 564; Harry B. Eby, 565; Alice Eby, 566.

170. Emanuel Eby married to Ann Groff, no children. 567.

172. David Witwer, married to Catherine Miller, no record. 568.

173. Peter Witwer, married to Catherine Centimyer, no record. 569.

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Michael Witwer, married to Eliza Brendel, no record. 570.

175. James Witwer, married to Mary Hurst, no record. 571.
176. Jacob Witwer, married to Rebecca Kern, no record. 572.
178. Benjamin Witwer, married to Maria Troop, no record. 573.
179. Eliza Witwer, married to John Fritz, no record. 574.
180. Anna Witwer, married to William Nelson, no record. 575.
182. Samuel Weaver, married to Anna Martin, no record. 576.
183. David Weaver, married to Lydia Witmer, no record. 577.
184. Martin Weaver, married to Barbara Reiff, no record. 578.
186. Josiah Weaver, married to May Reiff, no record. 579.
187. Ezra Weaver, married Elizabeth Zimmerman, no record. 580.
188. Mary Weaver, married to John Sensenig, no record. 581.
190. Leah Witwer, and her youngest sister, 197, Barbara Witwer,

were maids together. They never married; they devoted themselves to church work and were very highly respected. They were living on the old homestead of their Great Grand Father Sensenig, and the greater part of the old homestead is now owned by John B. Sensenig, of the fourth generation, an excellent citizen of Earl Township, Lancaster Co., Pa. Leah and Barbara were always noted for good qualities and fine neighbors and friends, both pious and devoted members of the German Baptist Brethren church. This is right in the heart of the settlement of Mennonites known as part of Weaverland, bordering on the Harrisburgh and Downington turnpike road, where the Mennonites have the largest church of their denomination possibly of the United States, and are a very nice and Christian community. Leah Witwer died some years ago and is buried in the Witwer grave yard, and Barbara Witwer died September 22, 1904, and is also buried in the Witwer grave yard, where her sister, father and mother are buried. Their graves are marked with plain white marble tomb stones.

DANIEL WITWER.

192. Daniel Witwer married, December 9, 1845, to Elizabeth Kramer, born April 7, 1828; born to them were: 582.

Susan Witwer, born Sept. 17, 1846, died 1848, Lancaster Co., Pa. 583.
Isaac Witwer, single, born April 11, 1848, Lancaster Co., Pa. 584.
Zadok R. Witwer, born February 4, 1850, Lancaster Co., Pa. 585.
Mary Witwer, born April 21, 1852, Lancaster Co., Pa. 586.
Frances Witwer, born June 23, 1856, died 1860, Lancaster Co., Pa. 588.
Elizabeth Witwer, born August 26, 1860, died 1887, Lancaster Co. 589.
Barbara Witwer, born August 16, 1863, died 1897, Lancaster Co. 590.
Daniel Witwer, born November 24, 1866, Lancaster Co., Pa. 591.
Titus Witwer, born January 12, 1869, Lancaster Co., Pa. 592.

Daniel Witwer was a carpenter, and also had a small farm near New Holland, Pa., where he lived, and he divided his time between the two as suited him. He was industrious, frugal and upright and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was also in the mercantile business for a time in New Holland, but as it did not meet with his desires he went back to his trade. He had a comfortable home and for the evening of his life enjoyed rather a retired life. His wife preceeded him to the grave about

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15 years; he died April, 1901, aged 83 years, and is buried in the Witwer grave yard, one and one-half miles north of New Holland, Pa. His wife died July 12, 1884, aged 56 years, 3 months and 5 days.

SUSAN WITWER.

193. Susan Witwer married December 9, 1845, to William Burkholder; born to them were: 593.

Fianna Burkholder, born Dec. 11, 1846, died 1861, in Ashland, O. 594.
Elizabeth Burkholder, born January 29, 1848, in Ashland, O. 595.
Frances Burkholder, born Nov. 17, 1849, died 1873, in Ashland, O. 596.
Isaac Burkholder, born January 26, 1852, in Ashland, O. 597.
Daniel Burkholder, born January 2, 1854, died 1880, in Ashland O. 598.
Henry M. Burkholder, single, born September 12, 1855, in Ashland, O. 599.
John H. Burkholder, born April 25, 1857, in Ashland, O. 600.
Amanda Burkholder, born April 1, 1859, died 1859, in Ashland, O. 601.
William Burkholder, born Aug. 31, 1860, died 1871, in Ashland, O. 602.
Susan Burkholder, born May 30, 1862, in Ashland, O. 603.
Leah Burkholder, born July 10, 1867, died 1868, in Ashland, O. 604.

Wm. Burkholder was a carpenter, miller and a farmer. He was an excellent citizen and both he and his wife are worthy and respected members of the Church of the Brethren.

GEORGE WITWER.

195. George Witwer married, July 7, 1849, to Elizabeth Studebaker, born May 18, 1829; born to them were: 605.

John Studebaker Witwer, born June 11, 1850, Lancaster Co., Pa. 606.
Rebecca Frances Witwer, born May 10, 1852, in Ashland Co., O. 607.
Leah Elizabeth Witwer, born November 17, 1853, in Ashland Co., O. 608.
Maria Ada Witwer, born March 29, 1856, in Ashland Co., O. 609.
Timothy Wilbur Witwer, born February 20, 1858, in Ashland Co., O. 610.
George Mohler Witwer, born November 1, 1859, in Ashland Co., O. 611.
Clement Sensenig Witwer, born February 26, 1862, Ashland Co., O. 612.
David V. Witwer, born June 11, 1864, died 1865, Laporte Co., Ind. 613.
Edwin C. Witwer, born February 1, 1866, in Laporte Co., Ind. 614.
Dora Witwer, born Sept. 17, 1868, died 1868, in Coldwell Co., Mo. 615.
Jacob Franklin Witwer, born October 3, 1870, Hamilton Co., Mo. 616.
Harvey E. Witwer, born June 22, 1872, in Hamilton Co., Mo. 617.

George Witwer, son of Isaac and Frances Witwer, born in Earl township, Lancaster county, Pa., on the old homestead of his grandfather, Daniel Witwer, on August 25, 1824. In the year 1844 he united as a member with the church of the German Baptist Brethren. On the 7th of July, 1849, he united in marriage with Elizabeth Studebaker, born May 18, 1829, daughter of John and Rebecca Studebaker, then of Ashland, Ohio, and formerly of Adams county, Pa., and Elizabeth is a sister to Studebaker brothers of South Bend, Ind. George Witwer resided in Lancaster Co., Pa., until the year, 1850, when he emigrated to Ashland Co., Ohio; here he was called to the ministry in the Ashland congregation of the Church of German

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Baptist Brethren, in the year 1852. He was engaged in the mercantile business the greater part of his time, in connection with his ministerial labors, until 1863, when he removed with his family to Laporte, Ind., where he resided with his family, engaged in rural pursuits until the year 1867, when through the urgent call and wishes of the church in the state of Missouri he was induced to migrate with his family in the spring of 1867, and located in Hamilton, Coldwell Co., Mo., laboring in the ministry in connection with other business. In 1868 he was ordained to the full ministry as an Elder of the church and assisted the new and infant churches considerable in establishing the doctrines of the Gospel and the faith and practice of the church in the state of Missouri. In the year 1881 he removed to South Bend, Ind., with his family, and for the last few years was living rather retired as to business occupation on account of a delicate state of health. The Witwer home was at the southeast corner of Prairie avenue and Sample street, South Bend, Ind. It is still standing. Mr. Witwer died there, October 1, 1886. After coming to South Bend, he led a retired life, but his interest in his church never waned, and he frequently preached here and elsewhere. Mrs. Witwer has done her duty to prevent race suicide, and her record is one that would appeal strongly to those advocating large families. She is the mother of twelve children, nine of whom are still living, two died in infancy and one, Mrs. D. B. Sell, died in Hamilton Mo. Her nine living children are John S. Witwer, of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. J. M. Mohler and Clem. S. Witwer, of Joliet, Ill.; T. W. Witwer, of Chicago; Mrs. Joseph Kopsey, George M. Witwer and Edwin C. Witwer, of South Bend; Jacob Frank Witwer, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Harvey E. Witwer, of Greeley, Colo. Mrs. Witwer was a devout Christian woman whose happy temperament cast sunshine upon all those about her. She has lived a vigorous, long life, always strong in the German Baptist faith, and has performed many good deeds known to but few; and she, too, passed to that great beyond, where none return, to that great rest. She died April 22, 1909, and is buried at South Bend, Ind.

ISAAC WITWER.

196. Isaac Witwer married, 1860, to Julia Ann Brubaker; she died 1863; born to them: 618.

Infant son, born 1863, died 1863. 619.

Isaac Witwer, son of Isaac and Frances Sensenig Witwer, was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, Pa., March 2, 1827; was a musician and general repairer of musical instruments, clocks, watches, etc. He constructed some very fine church and family organs in his younger years; organized the New Holland band and has been leader and teacher of the band for quite a number of years. While yet a youth he showed great ingenuity in making novel devices of various kinds, and also had a great fondness for music, and before he was of age he built a pipe organ. When yet a young man he took a trip to California and Central America, and after his return he engaged in watch and clock repairing in New Holland. He organized the New Holland band in 1856, and was its leader for about 35 years, keeping it together longer than any band in the county ever kept unchanged as an organization. During the war the entire band enlisted in the Two Hundred Third Regi-

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ment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and saw some very active service for nearly a year. In 1866 Mr. Witwer drew a prize of a dwelling house in Washington, D. C., that was chanced off in a scheme to raise funds for some beneficiary purpose. He sold the property for about $8,000.00, and then erected the fine Witwer Hall, in New Holland, Pa. He continued at watchmaking and the like until 1878, when he retired. He did not retire to inactivity, however, but continued the bent of his mind in inventing and making various ingenious and useful devices, several of which he had patented, but he never pushed the manufacture of any of his inventions, so that no profits accrued to him. He also continued to build pipe organs. The largest he ever constructed is in the Center church, East Earl township. The last two years he had been engaged upon an automatic piano, which he found to be a very delicate and critical job. He had it completed with the exception of some few finishing touches on the case when his last sickness came upon him. Mr. Witwer was very public spirited and took an active part in the canvas to secure the building of the railroad to New Holland, and was a liberal subscriber to stock in it; anything to support his town received his hearty support. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery, died October 15, 1897, aged 71 years. Isaac Witwer also constructed a galvanic battery, while quite young and other ingenious fixtures. These little freaks of skill frequently attracted the attention of neighbors and friends, and often was the sound of that first organ heard at the home of his mother, and well does the writer remember his mother saying, "I wonder what Isaac is going to be." He taught school for two terms. His efforts had a great deal to do in the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad branch through New Holland, and had always been a zealous worker for the incorporation of his favorite berg into an incorporated town.

DANIEL SENSENIG.

199. Daniel Sensenig married, 1836, to Elizabeth Stauffer, born October 10, 1812, died 1889, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; born to them: 620.

Anna Sensenig, born Sept. 1, 1837, died 1887, Lancaster Co., Pa. 621.
Jacob Sensenig, born January 16, 1839, died 1839, Lancaster Co., Pa. 622.
Amos Sensenig, born October 6, 1841, Lancaster Co., Pa. 623.
Lydia Sensenig, born October, 1843, died 1844, Lancaster Co., Pa. 624.
Isaac Sensenig, born October 16, 1845, (no record) Lancaster Co., Pa. 625.
Matilda Sensenig, born 1847, died 1896, Lancaster Co., Pa. 626.
John Sensenig, born 1851, (no record) Lancaster Co., Pa. 627.
Daniel Sensenig, born 1854, (no record) Lancaster Co., Pa. 628.

LYDIA SENSENIG.

203. Lydia Sensenig married to John Good, (no record). 629.

CATHERINE SENSENIG.

204. Catherine Sensenig married to Amos Stauffer; born to them: 630.

David Stauffer, 631; Daniel Stauffer, 632; Amos Stauffer, 633; Samuel Stauffer, 634; Lydia Stauffer, 635; Catherine Stauffer, 636.

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JACOB W. SENSENIG.

205. Jacob W. Sensenig married to Eliza Overholzer; 637. born to them was:

Martin O. Sensenig, is somewhere in Ohio, could not find him. 638.

MAGDALENA SENSENIG.

207. Magdalena Sensenig married, January 20, 1850, address, Paradice, Pa., to Isaac, Lichty, born January 22, 1826, died 1906, aged 80 years; born to them were: 639.

Elizabeth Lichty, born April 12, 1851, Lancaster Co., Pa. 640.
David Lichty, born March 19, 1853, Lancaster Co., Pa. 641.
Christian Lichty, born September 25, 1855, Lancaster Co., Pa. 642.
Magdalena Lichty, born September 22, 1860, Lancaster Co., Pa. 643.
Isaac Lichty, born March 19, 1863, Lancaster Co., Pa. 644.
Martin Lichty, born November 3, 1865, Lancaster Co., Pa. 645.

DOCTOR MICHAEL WITWER HURST.

216. Michael Witwer Hurst married, September 15, 1863, to Harriet Overholser, born May 2, 1842; born to them were: 2247.

Maggie K. Hurst, born August 13, 1864, Lancaster Co., Pa. 2248.
Minerva C. Hurst, born December 28, 1865, Lancaster Co. Pa. 2249.
Anna C. Hurst, born May 8, 1867, Lancaster Co., Pa. 2250.
John O. Hurst, born March 7, 1871, Lancaster Co., Pa. 2251.
Hattie M. Hurst, born December 9, 1877, Lancaster Co., Pa. 2252.
Spencer W. Hurst, born January 16, 1880, Lancaster Co., Pa. 2253.
Edna P. Hurst, born February 15, 1883, Lancaster Co., Pa. 2254.

Doctor Michael Witwer Hurst, born Sept. 27, 1835 in Lancater Co., Pa., is a well established physician and surgeon at the little town of Talmage, Lancaster Co.; is quite influential and highly respected and good man, and a fine doctor; respected by all who know him.

ANNA NISSLEY.

229. Anna Nissley married to Joseph Summa, born to them: 646.

Fannie Summa, 647; Abraham Summa, 648; Barbara Summa, 649; Mary Summa, 650; Jacob Summa, 651; Anna Summa, 652; Lizzie Summa, 653.

DANIEL NISSLEY.

230. Daniel Nissley married to Ellen Renfrew; born to them: 654.

Jacob Nissley, 655; Rufus Nissley, 656; Ellen Nissley, 657; Harriet Nissley, 658.

JACOB W. NISSLEY.

232. Jacob W. Nissley married Susan Mentzer, born to them: 659.

Jacob Nissley, 660; Henry Nissley, 661; Samuel Nissley, 662; Anna

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Nissley, 663; John Nissley, 664; Barbara Nissley, 665; Amos Nissley, 666; Harvey Nissley, 667; Daniel Nissley, 668.

BARBARA NISSLEY.

233. Barbara Nissley married to Benjamin Metzler; born to them were: 669.

Daniel Metzler, 670; Susan Metzler, 671; Harriet Metzler, 672; Jacob Metzler, 673; Barbara Metzler, 674; Anna Metzler, 675.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

237. Elizabeth Witwer married, January 7, 1861, to Cyrus Stauffer, born April 21, 1829; she died June 21, 1903; born to them were: 676.

John W. Stauffer, born February 24, 1862, Lancaster Co., Pa. 677.
Emma Stauffer, single, born July 30, 1864, Lancaster Co., Pa. 678.
William W. Stauffer, born December 14, 1866, Lancaster Co., Pa. 679.
Eli W. Stauffer, single, born September 9, 1868, Lancaster Co., Pa. 680.
Joseph W. Stauffer, born July 2, 1873, Lancaster Co., Pa. 681.
Benjamin W. Stauffer, born ———, died young, Lancaster Co., Pa. 682.
Sarah Ann Stauffer, born ———, died young, Lancaster Co., Pa. 683.
Louisa Catherine Stauffer, born ———, died young, Lancaster Co. 684.

CATHERINE WITWER.

238. Catherine Witwer married, 1847, to Isaac Weaver, born, 1826, born to them were: 685.

Benjamin Weaver, bishop, born about 1848, Lancaster Co., Pa. 686.
Henry Weaver, born about 1850, Lancaster Co., Pa. 687.
Susanna Weaver, born October 6, 1852, Lancaster Co., Pa. 688.
Isaac Weaver, born about 1854, Lancaster Co., Pa. 689.
Martin Weaver, born about 1856, Lancaster Co., Pa. 690.
George Weaver, born about 1859, Lancaster Co., Pa. 691.
Eli Weaver, professor, born about 1863, Lancaster Co., Pa. 692.
John Weaver, born July 4, 1869. Lancaster Co., Pa. 693.
Dr. Daniel Witwer Weaver, born Feb. 12, 1873, Lancaster Co., Pa. 694.
David Weaver, born January 23, 1875, Lancaster Co., Pa. 695.
Catherine Weaver, born about 1867, Lancaster Co., Pa. 696.

HENRY WITWER.

241. Henry Witwer married September 15, 1867, to D. Amelia Weiler, born January 1, 1851; born to them were: 696.

Benjamin Franklin Witwer, born April 7, 1869, died 1893, Lancaster Co., Pa. 697.
Samuel W. Witwer, born April 23, 1871, Lancaster Co., Pa. 698.
Charles S. Witwer, single, born Mrach 17, 1874, Lancaster Co., Pa. 699.
Albert M. Witwer, born March 3, 1876, Lancaster Co., Pa. 700.

Henry Witwer was a laborer and lived at Weaverland all his life, among quite a number of his relatives. He was a highly respected and good neighbor.

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SARAH WITWER.

243. Sarah Witwer married December 20, 1863, to Jonas H. Martin; born to them were: 701.

Susan Martin, born September 2, 1864, Lancaster Co., Pa. 702.
Catherine Martin, born September 28, 1866, died 1866, Lancaster Co. 703.
Benjamin Martin, born March 23, 1868, died 1868, Lancaster Co., 704.
Nancy Martin, born July 8, 1869, died 1871, Lancaster Co., Pa. 705.
Sarah Martin, born March 10, 1872, Lancaster Co., Pa. 706.
Amos W. Martin, born July 9, 1874, Lancaster Co., Pa. 707.
Jonas W. Martin, born January 3, 1877, Lancaster Co., Pa. 708.
John W. Martin, born March 10, 1879, Lancaster Co., Pa. 709.
Henry W. Martin, born August 11, 1881, Lancaster Co., Pa. 710.
Lydia Martin, born October 8, 1883, Lancaster Co., Pa. 711.
Lizzie Martin, born May 28, 1886, Lancaster Co., Pa. 712.
Mary Martin, born April 14, 1889, Lancaster Co., Pa. 713.

Jonas H. Martin is a minister of the Mennonite church at Weaverland, Pa.; also has charge of several other congregations in Lancaster Co., Pa. He has a farm near Goodville, which is in a high state of cultivation. He resides near New Holland, where he has a splendid home and is blessed with an interesting family, and as a minister of the gospel beloved and respected by all with whom he is called to associate.

SUSANNA WITWER.

246. Susanna Witwer married March 6, 1888, address, Beartown, Pa., to Walter Sensenig, born April 27, 1871; born to them were: 718.

Roy Witwer Sensenig, born June 12, 1889, Lancaster Co., Pa. 720.
Elsie May Sensenig, born February 5, 1892, Lancaster Co., Pa. 721.
Floretta Belle Sensenig, born March 17, 1894, Lancaster Co., Pa. 722.
Paul McKinley Sensenig, born October 13, 1896, Lancaster Co., Pa. 723.

EMMA WITWER.

247. Emma Witwer married 1897, address Fetterville, Pa., to Harry Killian, born July 9, 1873; born to them were: 724.

Ruth Emma Killian, born March 8, 1898, Lancaster Co., Pa. 725.
John Witwer Killian, born April 11, 1902, Lancaster Co., Pa. 726.

GEORGE D. WITWER.

248. George D. Witwer married May 14, 1895, address, Fetterville, Pa., to Catherine Witman, born July 18, 1875; born to them were: 727.

Barton Claire Witwer, born Oct. 25, 1896, died 1896, Lancaster Co. 728.
George Robert Witwer, born January 6, 1899, Lancaster Co., Pa. 729.
Grace Caroline Witwer, born September 24, 1902, Lancaster Co., Pa. 730.

JACOB E. WITWER.

251. Jacob E. Witwer married to Martha ———, (address not obtained); born to them were: 731.

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Agnes Witwer, born May 14, 1859. 732.
Ernest Witwer, born ———. 733.

Some trouble arose in this family, and the father walked off and never returned, and we were not able to get any other report, only that Jacob E. was living somewhere in Missouri. What was the trouble was not obtained, but if they found they could not agree, then it is none of our concern, and we commend them that it is better apart than to stay together and fight like cats and dogs.

AMANDA WITWER.

252. Amanda Witwer married April 6, 1854, to Benjamin Frank Newcomer, born July 1, 1828; she died July 17, 1885; born to them were: 734.

David C. Newcomer, born February 15, 1855, Lancaster Co., Pa. 735.
Emma C. Newcomer, born February 19, 1857, Lancaster Co., Pa. 736.
Anna M. Newcomer, born August 31, 1859, in Green Co, Ohio. 737.
Franklin Newcomer, born October 29, 1861, in Green Co., Ohio. 738.
William B. Newcomer, born Feb. 13, 1863, died 1865, Green Co., O. 739.
Elizabeth Newcomer, born January 26, 1866, in Pulaski Co., Ill. 740.
Amanda Newcomer, born September 15, 1868, in Clark Co., Ohio. 741.
Susanna Newcomer, born November 19, 1870, in Clark Co., Ohio. 742.
Benjamin H. and John G. Newcomer (twins), born January 25, 1873, in Clark Co., Ohio. 743 and 744.
Hattie L. Newcomer, born September 18, 1875, in Clark Co., Ohio. 745.
Charlotte J. Newcomer, born January 13, 1879, in Clark Co., Ohio. 746.

Amanda Witwer Newcomer, mother of the above family, died July 17, 1885, aged 50 years, 6 months and 23 days. Benjamin F. was a saddler, and resides at Medway, O.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

253. Elizabeth Witwer married, September 26, 1866, address, Osborn, O., to Simon P. Hoke, born February 10, 1839, in Champaign Co., Ohio; born to them were: 748.

Katie Hoke, born January 19, 1867, at Osborn, Ohio. 749.
Bertha Hoke, born September 4, 1869, at Osborn, Ohio. 750.
Annie Hoke, born December 29, 1871, at Osborn, Ohio. 751.
Hattie Hoke, single, born February 26, 1874, at Osborn, Ohio. 752.
Wilford Hoke, born November 20, 1876, at Osborn, Ohio. 753.
Charles F. Hoke, single, born November 23, 1879, at Osborn, Ohio. 754.
Edna Hoke, born January 4, 1882, at Osborn, Ohio. 755.

Simon P. Hoke was a farmer, near Osborn, O. He died October 5, 1882. Elizabeth Witwer Hoke still resides at the old home, and is a generous, good and respectable neighbor and citizen.

SARAH WITWER.

254. Sarah Witwer married March 20, 1862, address, Osborn, O, to Andrew H. Miller, born January 11, 1838, died 1905; born to them were: 756.

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Edmond F. Miller, born December 22, 1862, in Clark Co., Ohio. 757.
Ida Miller, born October 6, 1864, in Clark Co., Ohio. 758.
Elizabeth Miller, born June 14, 1867, in Clrak Co., Ohio. 759.
Barbara C. Miller, born October 29, 1870, in Clark Co., Ohio. 760.
Benjamin D. Miller, born September 29, 1874, in Clark Co., Ohio. 761.
Mary Miller, born November 11, 1877, died 1900, Clark Co., O. 762.
Anna Miller, born April 8, 1880, died 1906, Clark Co., Ohio. 763.
Hattie Miller, born December 10, 1882, died 1883, Clark Co., O. 764.

Andrew H. Miller was a farmer in Green Co., Ohio. He was a soldier in the three months service.

FRANKLIN DAVID WITWER.

255. Franklin David Witwer married March 30, 1865, at Osborn, O, to Mary H. Miller, born September 21, 1840, in Lancaster Co., Pa.; born to them were: 765.

Benjamin Witwer, born June 22, 1866, in Clark Co., Ohio. 766.
David Witwer, single, born November 21, 1871, in Clark Co., Ohio. 767.
Andrew J. Witwer, born October 29, 1873, in Clark Co., Ohio. 768.
Barbara Witwer, born November 18, 1875, in Clark Co., Ohio. 769.
Catherine Witwer, born February 12, 1878, in Clark Co., Ohio. 770.
Elizabeth Witwer, single, born May 15, 1880, in Clark Co., Ohio. 771.
John G. Witwer, born July 4, 1882, in Clark Co., Ohio. 772.
Henry Witwer, born Sept. 12, 1869, died 1875, in Clark Co., Ohio. 773.

Franklin D. Witwer was a saddle and harness maker, and also a farmer at Medway, Clark Co., Ohio, and he was a soldier in the U. S. service for three years, in Co. A., 11th O. V. I.

BRIEF LIFE SKETCH OF FRANKLIN DAVID WITWER.

BY HIS SON, ANDREW J. WITWER, OF DAYTON, OHIO.

Franklin David Witwer was born January 2, A. D. 1842, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. At about the age of six years he was taken to Illinois by his father and mother. They moved to near Blufton, where his mother soon died. His father changed residences on several occasions and was again married to a lady much younger than himself; he often spoke of his stepmother with a feeling of great respect.

At about ten years of age he was taken by a family named Greenfield, where he received some of the meager education he possessed early in life. The Second Reader was the limit of his school course. Some years later he came to Dayton, Ohio, where by close application and study he advanced along literary lines and at a very young age began writing poetry, and with a remarkable memory which he inherited from his father. He was enabled to carry himself somewhat above the average person who was so materially handicapped in early life. Had he possessed a reasonable amount of self-confidence he could have attained some real prominence.

Early in life he jonied the United Brethren Church, and was one of the earnest workers among the younger members. He had some gift in music

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and possessed a fine bass voice; was particularly noted as a fine conversationalist, and made friends by the score wherever he went. But was always losing splendid opportunities on account of the lack of his own appreciation of himself. The strong religious tendencies were manifest through his entire life, and in the latter part of his life he was known to be one of the most diligent readers of the Bible and other religious works, and was considered authority upon biblical quotations. I doubt if there is a passage in the Bible that he could not quote correctly. He has also written quite at length upon Bible topics, besides producing a large number of poems. These are laid away among effects left by him.

The subjects are much diversified, and one can catch the flights of his fancies and get a real insight to his ever changing nature. He would voluntarily weep or laugh with the occasion.

Early in life he learned the harness and saddlery trade, and was following that occupation when the first gun was fired at the opening of the Civil war, and although less than 20 years of age, he enlisted, April 18, 1861, in Co. A., 11th O. V. I., and was promoted to corporal at Summerville, W. Va., 1862. On account of sickness he was transferred to 11th Co., 2nd Batalion, V. R. C., and promoted to sargent; was discharged at Summerville, Ky, April 20, 1864. During the three years of service in the war Frank David Witwer was in eleven big battles and in many scouting trains and scurmishes. Among the most noted engagements in which he fought we can recall, Bull Run (second battle), South Mountain, Antitam, Hauks Neck, Gauly Bridge, Hanging Rock, and the like.

His company was with Sherman in his march to the sea. After the grand review at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war, he returned to Dayton, Ohio, following his trade and was later married to Mary H. Miller, on March 30, 1865, of Osborn, Ohio. A family of eight children were born; one, Henry, died aged six years, of diphtheria; the balance of the family still survive.

His married life unfortunately did not end well. Through religious differences he and his wife finally separated. She remaining on the farm, he going to Dayton, Ohio, where he applied for and was granted a divorce. He afterward married Elizabeth Boyl, who died about eight years later, was married the third time to Mary B. Stone, about one year after the death of his wife Elizabeth; lived with the last wife a few months, when on Saturday, June 30, 1901, after eating his dinner, he was taken violently ill. As he had had some stomach trouble at various times nothing was thought of the sickness being serious. But after getting alternately better and worse he died on the evening of July 4,. There was no suspicion at the time that anything out of the ordinary had caused his sickness, until a few months later, a sister to the last wife, who had made her home with Mrs. Witwer, took suddenly sick and after a few days died very much similar to Mr. Witwer. An examination followed and arsenic was found in the sister's stomach. Franklin D. Witwer's body was taken up and the same condition was found to exist. The two cases being almost parallel.

But after arresting Mrs. Witwer and her trial in police court, she was bound over to the grand jury, without bail. She was later dismissed by the grand jury on account of lack of evidence. This closed the case so

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far as the law had to do with it. But the many friends of Franklin D. Witwer believe to this day that his life was brought to an unnatural and untimely end. Be that as it may, the "taps" have sounded for him and he today rests in the soldiers' plot at the Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, O., among the comrades he loved. The funeral was conducted by the veteran legion of which deceased had been an honored member; ceremonies at the grave in Woodland, under the ritual of the Order Encampment, 145, U. V. L.

The new flag on the court house lot, and that of the Veteran Legion, a half block north, were flying at half mast in tribute to the memory of this very worthy old soldier; this being the first time the flag at the cannon had been drooped in mourning. Some of the comrades who were at this funeral, and are residents of Dayton, O., were Col. Wm. Britton, Sergt. Jules Ogier, John Kramer, Daniel H. Corson, John B. Steward, John Davy, David Noris. These all served three years, Witwer being made corporal, and all were in Sherman's march to the sea, and the grand review at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war.

CATHERINE WITWER.

256. Catherine Witwer married, 1897, address, Medway, O., to Rev. George Shellenbarger; born to them were: 744.

Anna Marie Shellenbarger, born October 14, 1898, at Medway, O. 775.

The Rev. George O. Shellenbarger is a minister.

HATTIE WITWER.

258. Hattie Witwer married, May 11, 1870, address, 21 Florence Flats, Dayton, O., to Levi A. Brenner, born September 20, 1848; born to them were: 776.

John W. Brenner, born February 26, 1871, died 1871, Dayton, O. 777.
Isabella Brenner, born August 21, 1881, at Dayton, O. 778.

Mr. Brenner is a miller by trade, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa. 779.

MARTHA E. WITWER.

260. Martha E. Witwer married, 1872, address Los Angeles, Cal., to David P. Scott, born November 17, 1842; born to them were: 780.

Lena Scott, born December 21, 1873, in Polk Co., Iowa. 781.
Eva Scott, born December 6, 1879, in Polk Co., Iiowa. 782.
LaForest Scott, born December 9, 1890. in Polk Co., Iowa. 783.

Mr. Scott is a miller by trade. They reside at 1822 E. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, California. Martha E. lived with her foster parents, and did not know of her relations until grown up.

WINFIELD SCOTT WITWER.

266. Winfield Scott Witwer, born May 3, 1848, in Decatur Co., Ind., moved with his parents to Lancaster, Pa., in 1849. From school age until 1864, he attended public school in Lancaster, Pa.; served appren-

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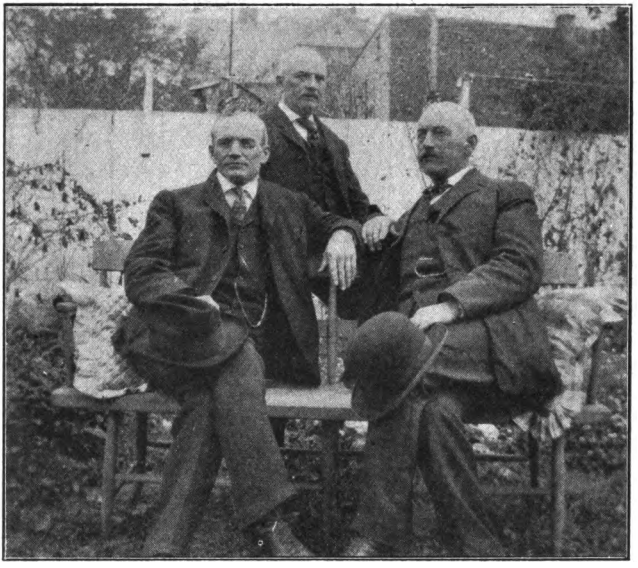

W. SCOTT WITWER
DRUGGIST RELIEF LANCASTER, PA.

A. LINCOLN WITWER
MAIL SERVICE. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

M. VICTOR WITWER
PLYMOUTH. OHIO

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ticeship with a druggist in Washington, D. C., from January 20, 1864, to January 20, 1868, and for 35 years resided in Pittsburg, Pa., and vicinity. He is a well informed man and an expert druggist, and works as a druggist relief. He is well posted in the history of the Witwers of America. I am indebted to him for some very good assistance in securing information from some of those who were too obstinate to answer my appeals. I am at a loss to express the warm feelings within my heart, the gratitude I feel is due him. I found in him such grand, good principles that very few possess, such as I would designate true Christianity, of the pure, unboastful kind. To do duty to honor our forefathers, in honor of the grand and glorious record they have left behind them—this Christian act few of the relation have taken time to give a thought or act in its behalf. In the correspondence between us, I have found his communications to be of inestimable value, resourceful and authentic. If there is anything in the command "honor thy parents that thy days may be long on this earth," then he is entitled to a good long and happy life. As I have not had the pleasure of meeting this cousin personally, I cherish the hope it shall be one of the pleasures granted my desires, to be realized and enjoyed in the near future, to have a hearty and good hand shake with him is the wish and prayer of his ardent friend and cousin.

ANANIAS CLIME WITWER, Genealogist.

The home address—W. Scott Witwer, 128 Charlott St., Lancaster, Pa.; Druggist Relief Headquarters, 2101 Center Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

MICHAEL VICTOR WITWER.

269. Michael Victor Witwer married, May 18, 1886, address, Plymouth, O., to Mary Zeidler, born January 9, 1868, in Bohemia; born to them were: 784.

Bertha Virginia Witwer, born March 18, 1888, Richland Co., O. 785.
Ralph Eugene Witwer, born June 1, 1892, Richland Co., O. 786.

Michael Victor Witwer is a coach trimmer and follows his vocation; is a fine man, good neighbor, highly respected and loved by all who know him.

MAGDALENA HOSTETTER.

275. Magdalena Hostetter married to Henry Shenk, born to them were: 787.

Levi Shenk, 788; John Shenk, 789; Mary Shenk, 790; Anna Shenk, 791; Sarah Shenk, 792; Henry Shenk, 793.

MARY HOSTETTER.

276. Mary Hostetter married to Christian Herr; born to them: 794.

Fianna Herr, 795; Christian Herr, Jr., 796; Susan Herr, 797; Anna Herr, 798; Mary Herr, 799.

CATHERINE HOSTETTER.

277. Catherine Hostetter married to Jacob Shenk, born to them: 800.

Henry Shenk, 801; Amos Shenk, 802; Fannie Shenk, 803; Catherine Shenk, 804.

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ELIAS HOSTETTER.

279. Elias Hostetter married to Mary Ann Lehman; no record. 805.

JONAS E. HOSTETTER.

Jonas E. Hostetter married to Barbara K. Nissly, born to them: 806.

Tillman Hostetter, 807; Jacob Hostetter, 808; Levi Hostetter, 809; Mary Hostetter, 810; Abner Hostetter, 811; Amos Hostetter, 812; Elam Hostetter, 813; Jonas Hostetter, Jr., 814; Simon Hostetter, 815.

ABRAHAM HOSTETTER.

281. Abraham Hostetter married to Rose Hogendobler, born to them were: 816.

Alice Hostetter, 817; Franna Hostetter, 818.

JOHN E. HOSTETTER.

282. John E. Hostetter married to Elizabeth Stehman, born to them were: 819.

Anna Hostetter, 820; Lizzie Hostetter, 821; Mary Hostetter, 822; John Hostetter, Jr., 823; Jonas Hostetter, 824; Amos Hostetter, 825; Ella Hostetter, 826; Katie Hostetter, 827.

JOHN N. EBY.

285. John N. Eby married to Charlott Becker, born to them: 828.

Jonas Eby, 829; Charlott Eby, 830; Infant Eby, 831; Matilda Eby, 832; Zenas Eby, 833; John Eby, Jr., 834; Aldus Eby, 835; Fannie Eby, 836.

FANNIE N. EBY.

286. Fannie N. Eby, married to Martin B. Peiffer; no record. 837.

SAMUEL N. EBY.

288. Samuel N. Eby, married to Maria Nissly; no record. 838.

ELIAS N. EBY.

287. Elias N. Eby married to Martha Nissly; born to them: 839.

Ephriam N. Eby, 840; Lizzie N. Eby, 841; Fannie N. Eby, 842; Samuel N. Eby, 843; Reuben N. Eby, 844; Susan N. Eby, 845.

SIMON J. EBY.

289. Simon J. Eby married to Catherine Lintner, born to them: 846.

Clinton L. Eby, 857; Christian L. Eby, 848.

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HENRY N. EBY.

291. Henry N. Eby married, 1861, to Sarah Frank, born 1840, died 1876; born to them were: 849.

Daniel F. Eby, born April 9, 1862. 850.
Amos F. Eby, born October 4, 1864. 851.
Fannie F. Eby, born May 31, 1866. 852.
Jonas F. Eby, born January 1869, died 1869. 853.
Levi F. Eby, born May 13, 1870. 854.
Anna Mary Eby, born March 5, 1873. 855.

Second wife, Elizabeth Hostetter, born 1841, married 1877; born to them were: 856.

Elizabeth H. and Henry H. Eby (twins), born November 19, 1878. 857 and 858.
David H. Eby, born July 14, 1880. 859.

SUSAN BUCHER.

292. Susan Bucher married to Henry Becker, born to them: 860.

John Becker, 861; Elias Becker, 862; Henry Becker, 863; Levi Becker, 864; Israel Becker, 865; Nancy, Becker, 866; Catherine Becker, 867; Sarah Becker, 868; Eliza Becker, 869.

SIMON P. EBY.

Simon P. Eby married, December 23, 1862, to Amelia F. Mengel; born to them was: 870.

John Henry Eby, born December 4, 1872. 871.

MARY E. EBY.

306. Mary E. Eby married to John Longenecker; born to them: 872.

Alice E. Longenecker, 873; Wm. H. Longenecker, 874; Jennie E. Longenecker, 875; Ralph Longenecker, 876.

ANNA E. RISSER.

309. Anna E. Risser married, 1850, to Jacob K. Nissly; born to them were: 877.

Ellen R. Nissly, born September 3, 1851. 878.
Elizabeth R. Nissly, born September 29, 1856. 879.
Matilda R. Nissly, born December 1, 1858.

MARY E. RISSER.

310. Mary E. Risser married to John M. Baer; no record. 881.

JONAS E. RISSER.

312. Jonas E. Risser married to Lizzie Hershey, born to them: 882.

David H. Risser, 883; Anna H. Risser, 884.

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REUBEN E. RISSER.

313. Reuben E. Risser married to Sarah Hershey; born to them: 885.
Horace Risser, 886; Philip Risser, 887; Edith Risser, 888.

SAMUEL W. RISSER.

314. Samuel W. Risser married to Frances Kraybill; born to them were: 889.
Margie Risser, 890; Susanna Risser, 891.

MARY N. EBY.

318. Mary N. Eby married to Christian Nissly, born to them: 892.
Reuben E. Nissly, 893; Finanna E. Nissly, 894; John E. Nissly, 895; Phares E. Nissly, 896; Christian E. Nissly, 897; Milton E. Nissly, 898; Frank E. Nissly, 899; Tillie E. Nissly, 900.

SARAH N. EBY.

320. Sarah N. Eby married to John S. Nissly; born to them: 901.
Charlotte E. Nissly, 902; Emma E. Nissly, 903; Phares E. Nissly, 904; Frank E. Nissly, 905; Amelia E. Nissly, 906; Sarah E. Nissly, 907; Mary E. Nissly, 908.

FANNIE N. EBY.

321. Fannie N. Eby married to John Snyder born to them: 909.
Levi Snyder, 910; Frances E. Snyder, 911; Emma E. Snyder, 912; Christian E. Snyder, 913; Anna E. Snyder, 914.

FIANNA N. EBY.

322. Fianna N. Eby married to Ephraim N. Nissly; born to them were: 915.
Barbara Nissly, born September 7, 1865. 916.
Ellen Nissly, born August 13, 1867. 917.
Martha Nissly, born August 19, 1870. 918.

REBECCA N. EBY.

323. Rebecca N. Eby married, October 31, 1869, to Elias N. Nissly, born February 15, 1845; born to them were: 919.
Gabriel N. Nissly, born November 28, 1870. 920.
Fannie N. Nissly, born October 23, 1873. 921.

LEVI E. HERSHEY.

325. Levi E. Hershey married to Catherine Buckwalter; born to them was: 922.
John Hershey, born ———. 923.

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MARY E. HERSHEY.

326. Mary E. Hershey married to Martin Hess; born to them: 924. Reuben Hess, 925.

HENRY E. HERSHEY.

327. Henry E. Hershey married to Martha Brubaker; born to them were: 926.

Samuel Hershey, 927; Lizzie Hershey, 928; Menno Hershey, 929; Anna Hershey, 930; Henry Hershey, 931; Mary Hershey, 932; Sarah Hershey, 933.

ANNA E. HERSHEY.

328. Anna E. Hershey married to Jacob Becker; born to them: 934. John Becker, 935; Jacob Becker, Jr., 936.

DR. LEVI SOWERS WITWER.

335. Dr. Levi Sowers Witwer married July 5, 1840, at Harrisburg, O., to Elizabeth Stambach, born January 14, 1821; born to them: 937.

Samuel Witwer, born Sept. 9, 1841, died 1841, Stark Co., Ohio. 938.
Allen Witwer, born March 2, 1842, died 1842, Stark Co., Ohio. 939.
Emeline Witwer, born May 4, 1844, Stark Co., Ohio. 940.
Annetta Witwer, born February 6, 1846, Stark Co., Ohio. 941.
Louisa Witwer, born September 17, 1847, Stark Co., Ohio. 942.
Henry Witwer, born April 20, 1849, Stark Co., Ohio. 943.
Elias S. Witwer, born June 17, 1851, Stark Co., Ohio. 945.
Mary Ann Witwer, born February 12, 1853, Stark Co., Ohio. 946.
Elizabeth Witwer, born May 3, 1855, Summit Co., Ohio. 947.
John Wesley Witwer, born February 1, 1857, Summit Co., Ohio. 948.
Amanda Witwer, born February 24, 1859, Marshall Co., Ind. 949.
Abner Witwer, born June 19, 1861, died 1862, Marshall Co., Ind. 950.
Lucinda Witwer, born September 29, 1862, Marshall Co., Ind. 951.
Minnie Ellen Witwer, born June 29, 1864, died 1864, Marshall Co. 952.

Doctor Levi Sowers Witwer, born September 4, 1818, in Lancaster county, Pa., worked at home on the farm until he was 18 years old, when a team ran away with him breaking his right shoulder, and he was put under the care of the practical and noted Doctor Hoffman, of Philadelphia, Pa., and here, while under treatment by this noted doctor, Levi S. Witwer took the notion to become a doctor himself and started to learn the profession and received his diploma in 1839. Then he migrated to Stark Co., Ohio, where he hung out his shingle and started his practice, and soon acquired the reputation of being a good doctor and had quite a large practice, and was being called from far and near. Being quite an attractive looking young doctor, Miss Elizabeth Stambach caught his eye, and the attraction was at once consummated that he might ask the father's and mother's consent, and which was readily given, and they were married on July 5, 1840, at Harrisburgh, Stark Co., Ohio. They lived in and around this part of the country until the spring of 1854, when they moved to East Liberty, Summit Co., Ohio,

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where he hung up his shingle again. But he did not seem to prosper here, and in 1857 he removed to Marshall Co., Ind., where he bought 40 acres of land at what is now Twin Lakes, Ind., where he hung up his shingle again, and soon acquired quite a good practice, and as his children were now quite grown up they did the farming and clearing of the ground. They prospered and built up a nice pleasant but modest little home, and as the doctor had a great pleasure in planting and raising fruit trees, he soon had the banner fruit orchard of the neighborhood, with fruit of the choicest kind and the best of all different varieties, and he owned considerable part of Twin lakes.

These lakes are five in number, four of which lay in one stretch, running east to west, each being about a mile long and about half a mile wide, and off from the west middle lake to the south, is the fifth lake and nearly of the same size and shape as the others, with a ridge between the two, of from about 175 feet varying to 500 feet, at a guess, and the ridge is over half a mile long. These lakes are all connected by small streams from one to the other, making a splendid place at these points to catch fish in nets, as they work their way from one lake to the other. The doctor caught many a mess of nice fish in this way. These lakes are fed by springs all along the banks, making it an ideal place for fish, which are abounding in these lakes, and it also makes the fish to be of good quality, on account of the water being nice, clear and fresh, and never gets stagnant. The doctor and family were never in want for meat, especially when fish would in anyway answer the purpose, for they could get all they wanted at short notice. The west lake is dammed up, where in an early day they had an iron forge and produced some iron ore, but as it soon was exhausted, they changed the forge into a grist mill and a saw mill, which are there yet, and the settlement is named Sligo.

We find some noted history connected with these lakes and their surroundings. Some of the old land marks which we think of interest to note here, and will give short description of them for the benefit of those who may be interested, are: Just north and adjoining the land of Dr. Levi S. Witwer on the line, is, "along the bank of the west middle lake," the old Indian reservation, and extending on towards Plymouth, the most noted Indian reservaiton of the state of Indiana.

The lands of Northern Indiana were ceded by treaties of the Indians in 1835 and 1836, and as they had two years time to remove, they in reality did not give up possession until August, 1838, and as the Potawatomie and Miami Indians ceded their lands in different treaties, from 1795 to 1832, to the United States, nearly all of the titles to lands were now extinguished by the United States Commissioner, Abel C. Pepper, in 1831. Indiana passed a joint resolution requesting an appropriation by congress for the purpose of extinguishing the remaining titles of land held by the Indians within the state, and the treaty was concluded on October 27, 1832. From this treaty a number of small individual reservations were made, among them were two sections of land to the Naswagee, and one section to Quashqua, at Maxinkuckee Lake, and twenty-two sections between Plymouth and Twin Lakes. On the north bank of Twin Lakes is where the Indian city of Menominee was built. But in 1834 and 1837 all the Inidans removed

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peaceably, except Menominee and his band, numbering about 900, who were on the north bank of Twin Lakes.

On the 6th of August, 1838, the time stipulated for their removal, Menominee and his band declined to go. A council was held at this place by them and Col. Abel C. Pepper. Chief Menominee's plea was as follows: "To the members of the council, gentlemen: The president of the United States does not know the truth; he, like me, has been imposed upon; he does not know that you have made my young chiefs drunk and got their consent and pretended to get mine. He does not know that I have refused to sell my lands, and still refuse. He would not by force drive me from my home, the graves of my tribe, and my children who have gone to the Great Spirit; nor allow you to tell me your braves will take me tied like a dog. If he knew the truth. My brothers, the president is just, but he listens to the word of the young chiefs who have lied, and when he knows the truth he will leave me to my own. I have not sold my lands; I will not sell them. I have not signed any treaty and will not sign any. I am not going to leave my lands, and I do not want to hear any more about it."

They tried in all manner and different ways to persuade him to go peaceably to the reservation prepared for them west of the Mississippi River. Honorable John Tipton was appointed to raise a malitia, and they were transported right into the midst of the Indians before they knew anything whatever about it. The surprise was so great to them that they at once became complacent and at once the band of about 900 warriors prepared voluntarily to move, and they were delivered to Judge Polk, at Danville, Ill.

Much credit is due to Col. John Tipton in bringing this delicate affair to so happy and successful a termination. Col. Tipton's headquarters were on the north bank of the west middle lake of Twin Lakes, and about 20 rods west of the Vandalia railroad, "that passes between the two middle lakes, thus leaving two lakes to the east of the railroad and five lakes of the chain of seven in all, on the west of the railroad." It was the old Indian chapel erected by Stephen T. Baden, a Catholic priest. This chapel was erected in 1830. Here I wish to introduce a correction of Northern Indiana history. First, note the history above, it says Col. Tipton's headquarters were in the *old* chapel, etc. Now this chapel was built only about eight years and not quite, for we find that Father Stephen T. Baden built a chapel in 1829 at what is now Notre Dame, at South Bend, Ind., and the history gives it as in the course of missionary work done for the St. Jospeh order. As Father Edward Sorin, another priest on missionary work, was so impressed with the coincidence of the old fort, bearing the name of St. Joseph and the river named St. Joseph and the country possessing very encouraging future aspects, that he wished to establish himself here, and Father Baden turned the tract over to Father Edward Sorin, and the Father Stephen T. Baden migrated to Twin Lakes and built a chapel there in 1830, made of hewn logs, and was well covered over with clapboards; was 30 feet wide by 40 feet long. The west half of it was two stories high; the second story was reached by a ladder and a trap door, in one corner of the building, and was occupied by Stephen T. Baden, the priest. When Menominee with the remainder of the Pottowatomie tribe were removed September 18, 1838.

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the chapel was abandoned. The state of Indiana has made an appropriation to secure ground at this place for a State Park.

Dr. Levi Sowers Witwer after a well spent life died at his home at Twin Lakes, on January 28, 1887, aged 68 years, 4 months and 24 days, leaving the mother of the large and respected family, consisting of Mrs. Emeline Hampton and family, Mrs. Annette Stuck and family, Mrs. Louisa Warner and family, Henry Witwer and family, Elias S. Witwer and family, Mrs. Mary Ann Witwer and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols and family, John W. Witwer and family, Mrs. Amanda Haney and family, Mrs. Lucinda Ligget and family, and brothers, Jonathan Witwer and family, of North Liberty, St. Joseph Co., Ind., Jacob Witwer and family, of Aultman, Stark Co., O., and Abraham Witwer, Jr., and family, of New Berlin, O., and sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Witwer Good and family, Mrs. Rachael Witwer Ream and family, Mrs. Anna Gross and family, and the families of Cyrus Witwer, deceased, Samuel Witwer, deceased, Phares Witwer, deceased, Barbara Witwer Reiter, deceased, and many friends to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest in the Mackelrath cemetery, near Twin Lakes.

The mother of the large and highly respected family was visiting from place to place, going from one to the other as her children were all married She passed the evening of her life among her children and grand children, and finally took sick while with the daughter named after her, when in a few days she was called to rest and she was laid by the side of her husband in the Mackelrath cemetery. They were both worthy members of the Church

BARBARA WITWER.

336. Barbara Witwer married September 22, 1840, in Lancaster Co., Pa., to Amos Reiter, born February 27, 1817; born to them were: 954.
Eliza Reiter, born November 5, 1843, Lancaster Co., Pa. 955.
Abraham Reiter, born February 13, 1845, Summit Co., O. 956.
Lydia Reiter, born January 15, 1847, Summit Co., O. 957.
Levi. W. Reiter, born September 24, 1848, Summit Co., O. 958.
Samuel Reiter, born August 27, 1850, Summit Co., O. 959.
Adam Reiter, born February 14, 1853, died 1862, Summit Co., O. 960.
Mary Ann Reiter, born February 28, 1855, Summit Co., O. 961.
Louisa Reiter, born February 17, 1857, Summit Co., Pa. 962.
Daniel Reiter, born March 17, 1859, Summit Co., O. 963.
Manias Reiter, born July 5, 1861, Summit Co., O. 964.
Aaron Reiter, born February 20, 1863, Summit Co., O. 965.

Amos Reiter, born in Lancaster county, Pa., February 27, 1817, was a farmer, near the southeast corner of Summit county, Ohio. He also had a cider press and made cider for a good many seasons. He was a very jovial and pleasant man; a delightful neighbor and a devout and earnest member of the Church of the Brethren, although he was not one of the kind to make a long face and every now and then draw a long breath. He believed in being pleasant and cheerful and take the world as it is, cheerfully and with a smile and act as though he enjoyed life.

I remember well his telling me one time that he could not swallow the idea that to make a long face had anything to do with Christianity. He

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said that to him it was a pretty good sign of hypocracy, and he did not believe in trying to make others believe that he was good. But to do good was in his estimation the true Christianity, and he said that he made it a rule not to trust the man that comes to church on Sunday and wears a long face and draws a long breath every once in a while. For the rest of the week if you have any dealings with him, you want to watch out for you are apt to get bit. I will have to tell a joke on Uncle Amos, which will not hurt him or anyone else. One time when we went to the lake fishing, which we used to do quite frequently, with a boat on the lake, and at noon we would land and go to take care of the horses, take lunch and then go back again, Uncle Amos got through first, and he said, "Toot! Toot! *Hurrah* for Louisville!" and jumped into the boat, which skid out from under him and he went into the water. That afternoon he was running around out in the fields to dry his clothes and to keep warm, and I will never forget the expression made by him in Pennsylvania Dutch, thus: "Ess, is kshpossich was en aisel doot ep air longa ora hut odder net," to those who do not understand this I will translate it. It means this, "It is funny what a mule will do, whether he has long ears or not." and I have often thought of that saying that it possessed more truth than poetry and was quite trite and to the point.

At one time he sold his farm and he went looking around Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, but he could not suit himself and he came back and bought the same farm again. He never said what he lost through the operation, only that if you want to dance you will have to make calculations to pay the fiddler. He lived to good age; dying October 1, 1901. aged 84 years, 7 months and 4 days. Aunt Barbara died March 24, 1890, being nearly 70 years of age. They were highly respected and excellent good neighbors. They were both worthy members of the Church of the Brethren.

JONATHAN WITWER.

337. Jonathan Witwer married, May 21, 1844, to Christena Hennich, born January 13, 1825; born to them were: 966.

Phyanna Witwer, born August 29, 1845, Stark Co., Ohio. 967.
Abraham Witwer, born February 3, 1847, died 1849, Stark Co., O. 968.
Elizabeth Witwer, born October 2, 1848, Stark Co., Ohio. 969.
Alpheus Witwer, born March 17, 1850, died 1854, Stark Co., O. 970.
David Witwer, born March 24, 1852, died 1853, Stark Co., Ohio. 971.
Simon E. Witwer, born October 10, 1853, Stark Co., Ohio. 972.
Margarett Witwer, born October 26, 1855, Summit Co., Ohio. 973.
Joseph Witwer, born February 24, 1857, Summit Co., Ohio. 974.
John B. Witwer, born December 23, 1859, Summit Co., Ohio. 975.
Sarah Witwer, born February 28, 1861, died 1861, Summit Co., O. 976.
William Witwer, born Mar. 11, 1862, died 1863, St. Joseph Co., Ind. 977.
Lucy F. Witwer, born February 5, 1864, St. Joseph Co., Ind. 978.
Charles L. Witwer, born June 2, 1866, St. Joseph Co., Ind. 979.
Minnie Witwer, born July 16, 1868, died 1871, St. Joseph Co., Ind. 980.
Mattie Witwer, born August 4, 1871, St. Joseph Co., Ind. 981.

Jonathan Witwer, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., February 10, 1822, worked on his father's farm until 1843, when he reached his majority. He

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ELIZABETH WITWER GOOD
NEW BERLIN, OHIO

JONATHAN WITWER
RIVER PARK, IND.

RACHAEL WITWER REAM
AULTMAN, OHIO

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in company with his friend and comrade, Daniel Wolf, started on foot for the west across the Alleghany mountains, and ere long they landed in Stark county, Ohio, where they hired out to farmers. Here Jonathan got acquainted with the lovely Miss Christena Hennich, and they were married, on May 21, 1844. They together lived in Stark, Portage and Summit counties, until the year 1861, when they moved to Indiana, and located near North Liberty, in St. Joseph Co., Ind., where they bought a farm of 80 acres of good farming land, and they prospered and were cheerful and happy. But as they were getting old, after many years of hard labor on the farm, they wished to retire and they sold their farm in 1900, and they bought a house and lot in River Park, where they moved then, to spend the evening of their lives, and they seemed as happy as two kittens in a chip basket. But fate changes all things and this happy life did not last very long and Christena, the mother of the large and respected family, soon after was called to rest from the cares of this world. She died July 9, 1902. This broke up the home and the father, Jonathan, visited around with friends and relatives; made a trip to the east to see the relations and friends; but he soon tired of this and returned to spend his remaining days among his children, and he made his home with one of his daughters, Mrs. Richard Roderick, in River Park, where he passed the evening of his well spent life, and he was relieved from the cares of this troublesome universe on June 14, 1905, aged 83 years, 4 months and 4 days. They were very worthy and respected members of the Christian church, and they are buried in the Mishawaka cemetery.

SAMUEL S. WITWER.

338. Samuel S. Witwer married July 3, 1845, to Mary E. Mishler, born January 25, 1827; born to them were: 982.

Mary Ann Witwer, born March 24, 1846, died 1866, in Canton, O. 983.
Jefferson Winfield Witwer, born February 24, 1852, in Canton, Ohio. 984.
Nancy Agnes Witwer, born June 16, 1854, in Canton, Ohio. 985.
Cyrus Henry Witwer, born October 11, 1856, died 1857, Canton, O. 986.
Abraham Witwer, born November 11, 1858, died 1868, Canton, O. 987.
Elizabeth Witwer, born February 21, 1860, in Canton, Ohio. 988.
Samuel Oliver Witwer, born October 28, 1862, in Canton, Ohio. 989.
John Mishler Witwer, born August 19, 1866, in Illinois. 990.
Emma Witwer, born March 10, 1871, in Illinois. 991.

Samuel S. Witwer was born May 3, 1824, in Earl township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and is the twin brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Witwer Good, now residing with her son, Samuel Witwer Good, at New Berlin, Ohio, who is still hale and hearty. Samuel S. resided with his parents and worked on the farm, near New Holland, Pa., until 1844, when he removed to the southeast corner of Summit county, Ohio, with his parents and brothers and sisters, where his father bought 160 acres of land, and he was farming here until July 3, 1845, when he united in marriage with Mary E. Mishler, of Portage county, Ohio. They resided at Ravanna, Ohio, for some little while and in the spring of 1846 he enlisted and went to the Mexican war, where he attained the rank of second lieutenant, and when the Mexican war was over, in 1847, he moved to Stephenson county,

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Illinois, where he was farming for about four years, or about the spring of 1852. He removed to Canton, Stark county, Ohio, just to the south edge of the city, where he was farming until the Civil war broke out, and as soon as the first gun was fired he was ready and enlisted into Company G, 45th Regulars O. V. I., and as he had attained the rank of second lieutenant in the Mexican war, he thus started out in the same rank in the 45th, and he remained in the army until the close of the war. He was mustered out as Captain of Co. A, 162nd Ohio Regulars. He was in many battles and in the march with Sherman to the sea.

After the war, in 1865, in the fall, he moved to Clark county, Illinois, where he was farming until the spring of 1880, when he removed to Montgomery county, Kansas, where he followed farming as he was farming when the country was at ease; but when the country was in need of men to fight its battles he was ever on hand. He served a little over a year in the Mexican war and some over three years in the Civil war, making altogether about five years that he served his country. He was over six feet tall, muscular, but not fleshy; he was straight and stately, a stalwart soldier. He died May 1, 1885, lacking two days of being sixty-one years of age. He was a good man, a fine neighbor and a respected citizen, and with all exceptionally loyal to his country.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

339. Elizabeth Witwer married, October 18, 1842, to Abraham Good, born June 18, 1821, died June 18, 1877; born to them were: 992.
Elizabeth Good, born December 22, 1843, Lancaster Co., Pa. 993.
Louisa Good, born November 24, 1845, Lancaster Co., Pa. 994.
Rachael Good, born July 30, 1848, Stark Co., Ohio. 995.
Abraham Good, born October 29, 1850 died 1852, Stark Co., Ohio. 996.
Isaac Good, born February 25, 1853, died 1855, Stark Co., Ohio. 997.
Joanna Good, born December 5, 1855, Stark Co., Ohio. 998.
Catherine Good, born May 10, 1858, Stark Co., Ohio. 999.
Adam Good, born June 14, 1861, died 1861, Stark Co., Ohio. 1000.
Levi Good, born June 5, 1862, died 1862, Stark Co., Ohio. 1001.
John B. Good, born June 30, 1863, Stark Co., Ohio. 1002.
Samuel W. Good, born March 3, 1866, Stark Co., Ohio. 1003.
William Good, born Nov. 14, 1867, died 1868, Stark Co., Ohio. 1004.

Elizabeth Witwer born in Lancaster county, Pa., May 3, 1824, and is the twin sister to Samuel S. Witwer. She married to Abraham Good, in Lancaster county, Pa., where they resided on a farm until 1848, when they moved to Stark county, Ohio, and they bought a farm at Zion Church, one-half mile south of the southeast corner of Summit county, in Stark county, Ohio. Here they lived and prospered. In 1871 they bought the old Store property adjoining their farm on the south, where they moved to and rented the farm to their son-in-law, Samuel Shaffer, and lived a kind of retired life, although Mr. Good farmed his little farm, and on June 18, 1877, he died. Elizabeth, the mother is now living with her children and is at the time of compiling this work, June, 1909, living with her son, Samuel W. Good, at New Berlin, O. She is quite hearty, considering her age; she is now in her eighty-sixth year, and has furnished considerable history and data of this

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work as her mind is very bright and she has given us some very interesting information, as she was born and raised in Earl township, Lancaster county, Pa., and lived there until she was 24 years old. She is able to tell quite minutely of the different places and transactions of that particular part of the state of Pennsylvania.

CYRUS WITWER.

340. Cyrus Witwer married, March 22, 1849, to Lydia Cilme, born December 10, 1831, in Berks Co., Pa.; born to them were: 1005.

Infant son, born January 17, 1850, died same date, Summit Co., O. 1006.
Daniel Witwer, born June 7, 1851, died 1853, Summit Co., O. 1007.
Ananias Clime Witwer, born February 14, 1853, Summit Co., O. 1008.
David Witwer, born October 27, 1854, died 1857, Summit Co., O. 1009.
Benjamin Franklin Witwer, born Nov. 25, 1856, Summit Co., O. 1010.
Mary Ann Witwer, born November 20, 1858, Summit Co., O. 1011.
Cyrus Witwer, Jr., born February 16, 1861, Summit Co., Ohio. 1012.
John Brough Witwer, born December 28, 1863, Summit Co., O. 1013.
Lucy Clime Witwer, born September 19, 1866, Summit Co., Ohio. 1014.
Elma Witwer, born June 4, 1869, Summit Co., Ohio. 1015.

Cyrus Witwer, born in Lancaster county, Pa., March 18, 1826, worked on his father's farm in Pennsylvania until the year 1844. But, in the winter of 1843 and 1844, he was then 18 years of age, he went sleigh riding and as he had quite a spirited young team, they ran away with him and broke his right leg just above the knee, and as he was not quite grown yet, it caused his right leg to be one and a half inches shorter than his left, thus anyone well acquainted with him could tell that it was him by the walk, at any distance that a person is possible of being recognized. When his Brother Phares came home from the army, one July 2, 1865, as he came to the house he saw Cyrus coming one-half mile from the house and he said right away that it was his brother Cyrus, and that he could tell him among a thousand men and a mile away by his walk, and he had not seen him for three years. As the family moved from Pennsylvania to Stark county, Ohio, in 1844, overland, Cyrus not being able to walk very much, on his leg yet, he rode the lead horse of the four horse team they had hitched to the big "Conestoga wagon," as they called it, all the way from Lancaster across the Allegheny mountains to Stark county, Ohio. Here his father, Abraham Witwer, "who had gone ahead of the procession in a top carriage with the mother and a few of the smaller children," had bought a 160 acre farm in the southeast corner of Summit county, Ohio, and they took possession of the farm as soon as the wagons reached there, about five days later.

This farm had two sets of buildings on it. On the east half was a good, almost new, full two story, eight room house, 32 by 32 feet, and new bank barn, 56 by 100½ feet (this half foot was added for the express purpose so that it was the largest barn in that part of the state). Then there was a good water-power saw mill on this part of the farm, all in good trim, and on the west half was an old log house and a log barn in fair shape, and answered for a place of abode for many years. This 160 acre farm they bought for $6,400.00. They all took hold of the work and cleaned up

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the farm and kept the saw mill running day and night, and they so prospered that the father, Abraham, was able to retire in a few years. Cyrus remained with his father after he had reached his majority; but one day by accident he met Lydia Clime and as soon as he saw her he said to himself aloud, "that is my wife," for she was the ideal of his dreams, "whether they were day dreams or what, was not stated." And Lydia Clime had nearly the same kind of thoughts, and she came near walking right up to him "before having any introduction to him," and shake hands with him, for it was her choice at first glance. Thus they were of the same mind at first sight, and Cyrus inquired and sought after and found her and they were united in marriage on March 22, 1849. Cyrus and his brohter, Jonathan Witwer, in partnership, then bought the 160 acre farm, as Abraham, the father, wished to retire, as he did not want to be bothered with the management of this large farm. The two bought it together and they went to work; but after two years' trial they found that they could not agree right in dividing the work and apportioning it to themselves and they agreed that Cyrus should assume the whole farm, and he did and went to figuring. He bought the whole 160 acres for $6,800.00; he sold off of the west side of this farm 60 acres with the old buildings for $3,800.00; $1800.00 cash and the rest in payments, thus leaving the 100 remaining acres with the good buildings and the saw mill, for $3,000, and he had paid considerable on the farm in the first place. He was sure of winning out and he kept the saw mill running day and night, and he bought timber and sawed it into lumber and hauled it to New Berlin, Canton, Massillon and to different places, and thus took in many dollars in that way by selling well seasoned lumber for furniture, and I know when I was quite a small boy he made the last payment to his father. And I well remember when the nighbor, who had bought the west 60 acrse, quite soon after that, came and told my father that he could not pay the $46.00 on account of his brother-in-law had broken his leg and he had to help to pay the doctor, and my father stopped the saw mill and he said to him that he did not ask him for advice, but if he did not object for him to make him an offer, he should come over to the north end of the saw mill. He then pointed to a fine straight poplar that was on his neighbor's land and said if he would let him have that tree he would call the $46.00 paid, as the tree did him no good but to liquidate that debt, and the old man was so dumbfounded that he looked at my father for some time, and then the tears streamed down his cheeks and he told my father to take two of them and he would then thank God for such a relief. Whereupon, my father told him that he would take the trees that were yet standing in his clearing for the whole debt that he was yet owing. How much it was I never knew, but I know that I helped to cut those trees, and the neighbor, Mr. Wm. Bast, with his son, Joseph, helped, and after we had just about finished the clearing, I also remember Mr. Bast telling my father that now he should take another poplar tree that was standing near the fence in the woods as his offering to his God for what my father had done for him. My father told him that he would accept on conditions that he would bring logs to the mill to make lumber enough to build a barn and he would saw the lumber for him and he should not pay for it. And as the brother-in-law lingered for a long while and finally

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died, my father sent men and teams to the neighbor and put out his crops. My father sawed the lumber and the neighbor built his barn.

AN INCIDENT.

When I was about ten years old, I know not exact, but I know my legs were very short yet, and I sat on a horse about like a toad sitting on a rock, and it did not take very much of a jar to throw me off of a horse, our neighbor, Mr. Richard Schlott, being sick and could not put out his crops, and as his fields were small, about two and one-half acres, my father took his teams and went and plowed a field for him and put out the oats for him. The field had been in corn the year before, and it was a wet spring. After the field was plowed and harrowed over, he sent the one team somewhere else and put me on the lead horse to harrow after him while he sowed the oats broadcast by hand. There was a low place in the field which was overflowed with water and as father came along to this place he went at half a run, one of the corn stalks caught his left foot, which caused him to take a dive in the mud puddle, with about three pecks of oats on his shoulders, and his full beard I will never forget, when he got out, what a sight—mud from head to foot. He sowed on to the end, then he went home to put on dry clothes, and I kept on harrowing and as he came back, I had got along to the place where he took the dive. The horse stepped into a hole and pitched me off over the horse's head close to where my father had landed only in a deeper hole. I crawled out as soon as I could and wiped the mud out of my eyes and looked around to see if anyone saw me and I saw my father sitting up on the hill holding his sides. Each had his turn.

Cyrus Witwer was a great singer and whistler, while on the saw mill. You could hear him singing or whistling day or night, ever cheerful and apparently happy; always seemed to be light hearted, working away with an air of being satisfied with the world as he found it. I heard him tell many times that life was what you made it, why complain about things; take them as they come; try with a cheerful heart to avoid those things we do not like, pass them by; sing a nice song to your Savior, who has done so much for us, and you and the world will be better for it. He was a great admirer of hunting and fishing; those were his choice for recreation, and he spent many days going fishing, and when the water was low at the saw mill, many times he would get his gun and go to the woods, through the summer season.

Cyrus Witwer was a very devoted Christian, a member of the Baptist Brethren. He being such a great friend of good singing, he always lead in the singing at church. Many of the younger members of the church said many times that to sing with him was such a delight because he did sing so nice and clear and so loud that you could always tell his voice clear and distinct above all the others, and in that way they could keep time with him in such unison that all felt it to be so grand in all being able to keep in such harmony.

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On the last evening of his life he took his youngest daughters on his lap and they helped him to sing while he played on the melodian, and contrary to his general custom, that evening he was up until after 10 o'clock. The next morning at 5 o'clock he drew a long, hard breath, which awoke mother and she shook him, but of no avail; it was all over; he had a stroke of appoplexy. That was on Monday morning, May 16, 1871. He was buried at Mt. Zion church yard. He left his widow with seven children, well provided for, but the blow was hard to them and many very ardent friends. For a long time after his death, at church when they would start to sing, they would break down and nearly the whole congregation would burst into tears because they missed their leader so much in their singing. He was 45 years and 2 months old, and just when he was fixed so that he could have enjoyed life. He was contemplating a trip to California on that coming fall.

JACOB WITWER.

341. Jacob Witwer married February 14, 1850, address, New Berlin, O., R. R., to Susanna Weaver, born Sept., 1831; born to them: 1016:
Savilla Witwer, born April 28, 1851, Stark Co., Ohio. 1017.
Isaac W. Witwer, born September 30, 1852, Stark Co., Ohio. 1018.
Susan Witwer, born December 6, 1853, died 1867, Stark Co., O. 1019.
Rosan Witwer, born December 17, 1855, Stark Co., Ohio. 1020.
Infant son, born May 26, 1857, died same day, Stark Co., O. 1021.
William Witwer, born December 8, 1858, died 1867, Stark Co., O. 1022.
Abraham W. Witwer, born June 8, 1861, Stark Co., Ohio. 1023.
Levi Witwer, single, born April 26, 1863, Stark Co., Ohio. 1024.
Lydia Witwer, born December 16, 1865, Stark Co., Ohio. 1025.
Emma Witwer, born July 2, 1868, Stark Co., Ohio. 1026.
Henry A. Witwer, born March 24, 1870, Stark Co., Ohio. 1027.

Jacob Witwer, born in Lancaster county, Pa., worked on his father's farm, and removed to Summit county, Ohio, in 1844, when he was 16 years of age, and was then of great help to his parents, and being naturally inclined to work in wood and followed up and became a carpenter and cabinet maker, and became a great help to his father both at farming and at wood work. He was married February 14, 1850, and bought a home of a small farm, near the southeast corner of Summit county, Ohio, and divided his time between farming and carpenter work. At about 1864 or 5 he sold his little farm to his brother, Abraham, and moved on the father's, Abraham, Sr.'s, farm, taking care of them as the children had now all married, but the youngest, Anna. Grandfather had retired, so Jacob farmed for him and assisted at cabinet work in the carpenter shop, in the lane on the farm, and some years later, about 1878 or 1880, Jacob built himself a pleasant little house, out to the road and within a few rods of the southeast corner of Summit county, Ohio, and the same being the southwest corner of his farm in Stark county, Ohio, and where he is now residing. He and his noble wife are very highly respected, good and ardent members of the German Baptist Brethren, known more familiarly in that part of our beloved country as the Dunkard Church. They have raised a very nice and very highly respected family, which are all married, but one. They are living and

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enjoying a very comfortable and retired life, and Jacob, like his father, "although at a more advanced age, being now in his 82nd year," is passing his time in making some nice pieces of furniture, etc., as a momento of their ardent and respected grandfather, and as a token of his love for his good family.

RACHAEL WITWER.

343. Rachael Witwer married August 17, 1851, to Michael Ream, born December 11, 1825, died December 23, 1869, born to them: 1028.
Fianna Ream, born June 8, 1852, Summit Co., Ohio. 1029.
Mahala Ream, born August 28, 1853, Summit Co., Ohio. 1030.
Aaron Ream, born May 23, 1858, Summit Co., Ohio. 1031.
Catherine Ream, born September 5, 1860, Summit Co., Ohio. 1032.
Alice Ream, born April 8, 1863, Summit Co., Ohio. 1033.
Elizabeth Ream, born July 21, 1865, Summit Co., Ohio. 1034.

Rachael Witwer Ream, after the death of her husband, Michael Ream, on December 23, 1869, again married, to John Slusser, 1035, October 20, 1870, and he died 1892, and she was passing her time among her children and friends and relatives. She was one of God's most noble women; of such grand and lovely principles, such a good and cheerful and lovely disposition, everybody that knew her loved her. She was ever cheerful, a good word to everybody, and never found fault with anyone and would offer excuses for the unwary to shield them in their short comings, thus proving her to be of a true Christian nature. She attended the Elkhart Reunion, on August 20, 1908, at Island Park, and she was enjoying herself very greatly, in fact, was in the very height of her glory, and remarked that she had never enjoyed herself any better in her life, that she was feeling so good and hearty and she found everybody happy and in good spirits, that she really felt as happy as she ever did. But the very sad accident which occurred to her just a few days after this very enjoyable affair of the Reunion, on the night of August 26, 1908, she fell down a long flight of stairs. Although wonderful to say, there were no bones broken, she was very seriously hurt, being bruised all over, but in eight days after the accident she seemed to be getting along in good shape, and she in company with her niece, Mrs. Catherine Schrantz, who was along with her on their pleasure trip, went back home, and she stood the trip all in grand shape. She lingered until October 6, 1908, when she died, very much lamented by all who knew her, at the residence of her devoted daughter, Mahala Cassler Stoner, at Aultman, Ohio. She was laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, one-half mile south of the southeast corner of Summit county, Ohio, in Stark county, Ohio, where there are many of the Witwer relatives buried.

ABRAHAM WITWER.

345. Abraham Witwer married, September 13, 1857, to Rosan Surby, born to them was: 1036.
Mary Alice Witwer, born October 29, 1865, in Stark Co., Ohio. 1037.

Abraham Witwer, Jr., was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and came with his parents overland across the Alleghany mountains to Summit county,

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Ohio, where he resided and worked for his parents until about of age, when he learned the miller's trade and followed his trade for some years after marriage. Then he bought a small farm about half a mile or so east of the old homestead, and is still residing there. He has always been of a very quiet nature. He is a very good neighbor, somewhat slow in taste, not given much to making improvements, but seems to be satisfied with the world as it is, and is not finding any fault with it, and seems to enjoy life. He is in fairly comfortable circumstances and seems to be enjoying good health.

PHARES WITWER.

347. Phares Witwer married, December 23, 1860, in Jasper Co., Ia., to Sarah Rose, born July 11, 1843, in Laporte, Ind.; born to them were: 1038.

Eadon Ambrose Witwer, born May 28, 1862, Summit Co., Ohio. 1039.
Almedia Ellen Witwer, born July 19, 1866, Elkhart Co., Ind. 1040.
Samuel Edward Witwer, born October 7, 1867, Elkhart Co., Ind. 1041.
Schuyler Ulysses Witwer, born September 8, 1869, Noble Co., Ind. 1042.
Alvin Cyrus Witwer, born August 25, 1871, Noble Co., Ind. 1043.

Phares Witwer, born in Lancaster county, Pa., Feb. 16, 1839, was removed with his parents across the Allegheny mountains to Summit county, Ohio, in 1844, where he resided and worked for his father until 1860, when he made a trip through the west, and in Kosciusko county, Ind., he got acquainted with Sarah Rose. He boarded with Mr. Rose and family in Warsaw, while he worked at the carpenter trade. Mr. Rose and family moved to Iowa, and Phares followed, to Jasper county, Iowa, where they were married, December 23, 1860, and they moved to Ohio in 1861. They resided near the southeast corner of Summit county, Ohio, and on the 11th day of August, 1862, Phares enlisted at Massillon, Ohio, into Company E, of the 104th O. V. I., under Captain A. J. Baney; was mustered into service on August 24, 1862, at Camp Massillon, Ohio, and was sent forthwith to the front. He served in the First Brigade, Third Division of the 23d Army Corps. He was in a few skirmishes, before the siege at Atlanta, Georgia, but his regiment did not go with Sherman to the sea, but was sent back into Tennessee, under General Thomas, "The Rock of Chickamauga," as his men called him. After Sherman left them, they fought a hard battle at Franklin, on November 30, 1864, but with no great results. But Gen. Hood besieged Thomas at Nashville, Tenn. Thomas was slow to strike, but when he did strike it was with such sledge hammer force, that he soon knocked the opposing forces all to pieces. This attack was made December 15 and 16, 1864. It lasted two days, but at the end of the second day the miserable remnant, ragged, barefooted, wet to the skin by the incessant winter rains, shivering and starving, escaped as best they could, leaving their sick and wounded to die along the roadside. This ended the war in Tennessee, and here on the second days' fight, on December 16, 1864, is where Phares Witwer was wounded. While he was discharging his gun a bullet entered his right arm at the wrist and plowed along the bone and came out back of the elbow and killed the man next behind him, as he was then in the front rank of his regiment. He was then sent to the hospital at Louisville,

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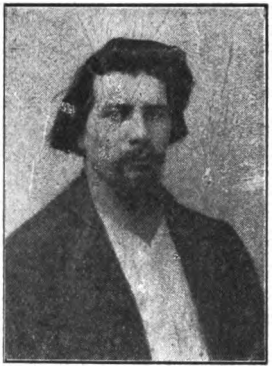

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Kentucky, where he remained until the close of the war, when he rejoined his regiment at Goldsboro, North Carolina, where the regiment received orders to return to Cleveland, Ohio, to be mustered out, and Phares Witwer with the remaining veterans of their regiment received their honorable discharge, in the latter part of the month of June, 1865. Phares arrived home on July 2 and on July 4 I helped him, "I was a boy of 12 years old," to make his hand after the reaper in the harvest field binding wheat, on my father's and his brother's farm, in the southeast corner of Summit, county, Ohio.

I will never forget, his oldest son, and then only child, was running after him nearly all day being afraid that his papa would again go away and leave him, This was Eadon Ambrose Witwer, now of Onawa, Iowa. In the year 1866 he sold his little home in Summit county, Ohio, to my father, and he moved to Elkhart, Ind., where he resided and worked at the crapenter trade until 1869. In August he bought a piece of land, 80 acres, in Noble county, Ind., and he moved on this land, at Silver Lakes, near Wolf Lake, Ind. Here he resided until he died, July 31, 1871. The doctors claiming the cause of his death to be from his bullet wound received in the army and the poison remaining in his blood.

He left the widow and five children in unavoidable circumstances, in that the home was not all paid for and that they did not realize much out of their home, was a circumstance which could not be helped. Phares Witwer was laid to rest in the cemetery just east of Wolf, Lake, Ind. The mother and children, on November 11, 1871, moved to Jasper Co., Iowa, where they resided until 1881, when they moved to Monona Co., Iowa, and have resided there ever since. This history was obtained by the assistance of two letters, one from the only daughter, Almedia Ellen Witwer Groghan. This letter was written December 16, 1886, at Missouri Valley, Iowa, and the second letter from one of the Sons, Samuel Edward Witwer, written on June 10, 1909, together with what I could remember, as I was at Uncle Phares' funeral. The history of the family will be noticed in the regular genealogical order. The mother married again to Mr. Shook. She is still living at Onawa, Iowa.

ANNA WITWER.

348. Anna Witwer married May 5, 1867, in Summit Co., O., to Solomon Gross, born April 11, 1846, died June 12, 1905; born to them were: 1044.

Dallas Gross, born September 14, 1868, Cumberland Co., Ill. 1045.
Sylvester Gross, born March 3, 1870, Cumberland Co., Ill. 1046.
Cyrus Gross, born November 4, 1871, died 1872, Cumberland Co. 1047.
Evalena Gross, born January 17, 1873, Cumberland Co., Ill. 1048.
Elmer Gross, born August 20, 1876, Cumberland Co., Ill. 1049.
Harvey Gross, born October 20, 1879, Jasper Co., Ill. 1050.
Alice Gross, born January 19, 1881, Jasper Co., Ill. 1051.
Alvin Gross, born February 8, 1883, Cumberland Co., Ill. 1052.
Minnie Gross, born October 6, 1885, Cumberland Co., Ill. 1053.
Benjamin Gross, born January 8, 1891, died 1897, Douglas Co., Ill. 1054.

Anna Witwer Gross moved to Illinois soon after she was married, and has lived there ever since. They were in the broom corn business quite ex-

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tensively, and they prospered and are quite well to do. They are highly respected and good neighbors, and they brought up quite a large family of highly respected and well educated children—school teachers and lawyers.

ANNIE VIRGINIA WITWER.

357. Annie Virginia Witwer married, December 2, 1868, to William Pinkney, born October 31, 1840; born to them were: 1055.

Edith Flora Pinkey, born February 13, 1870, in Illinois. 1056.
Evalena Cora Pinkney, born February 13, 1873, in Illinois. 1057.
Clarence William Pinkney, born November 11, 1874, in Illinois. 1058.
Howard Paley Pinkney, born August 20, 1881, in Illinois. 1059.
Leslie Arthur Pinkney, born August 9, 1888, in Illinois. 1060.

Annie Virginia Witwer was born in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., married to William Pinkney, born at Leeds, Yorkshire, England, came to America, 1841, a minister in the Wesleyn Methodist church for 32 years, and located at Sterling, Ill., 1902. They reside now at 305 W. 7th St., Sterling, Ill.

ALBBERT T. WITWER.

358. Albert T. Witwer married, September 15, 1881, to Minnie Brewer, born January 17, 1861; born to them were: 1061.

Bertha S. Brewer Witwer, born June 16, 1882, New Basel, Kans. 1062.
Martin Earl Witwer, born April 23, 1885, New Basel, Kans. 1063.

Albert T. Witwer, born July 9, 1850, at Sterling, Illinois, on a farm, and united in marriage with Minnie Brewer, on September 15, 1881. They are worthy and highly respected members of the Lutheran Church, and good neighbors.

ELAM C. WITWER.

359. Elam C. Witwer married, 1879, to Mary Winters, born April 27, 1859; born to them were: 1064.

Wayne Witwer, born October 28, 1880, near Greighton, Neb. 1065.
Stella Witwer, born March 11, 1884, near Creighton, Neb. 1066.
Luella Witwer, born October 27, 1885, near Creighton, Neb. 1067.
Edith Witwer, born August 20th, 1888, near Creighton, Neb. 1069.
Fern and Verne Witwer (twins), born January 8, 1891, near Creighton, Neb. 1069 and 1070.
Elva Witwer, born July 14, 1893, near Creighton, Neb. 1071.

Elam C. Witwer, born at Sterling, Ill., has been a farmer all his life, and has quite a nice farm near Creighton, Neb. He is now retired from farming, and is living in the city of Creighton, Neb. His son, Wayne, has taken charge of his farm of 360 acres, since 1905, when Elam moved to the city. The whole family are members of the First Baptist church. Elam C. Witwer is superintendent of the Sunday School and his daughter, Edith, is secretary and Stella, teacher, and the other girls are in the choir. Thus each is taking an active part and are very highly respected and influential members of society; well educated and refined.

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LIZZIE WITWER.

360. Lizzie Witwer married, September 15, 1881, died 1885, to Frank Armstrong, born to them were: 1072.

Clarence Armstrong, born ———, 1882, at Round Grove, Ill. 1073.
Lester Armstrong, born ———, 1884, at Round Grove, Ill. 1074.

ROBERT F. WITWER.

361. Robert F. Witwer married, March 16, 1892, to Fannie Stone, born March 2, 1873; born to them were: 1075.

Roy S. Witwer, born February 4, 1895, died 1902. 1076.
Glen W. Witwer, born December 28, 1896. 1077.
Robert Forest Witwer, born January 14, 1901, died 1902. 1078.

Robert F. Witwer lives at Traer, Iowa, and could not get any history from him.

ROLLAND WITWER.

362. Rolland Witwer married, December 27, 1893, address, Traer, Iowa, to Beatrice Wood, born December 9, 1874; born to them: 1079.

Infant, born January 8, 1897, at Traer, Iowa. 1080.
Savenna Beran Witwer, born March 27, 1899, at Traer, Iowa. 1081.
Leslie Raymond Witwer, born September 14, 1902, at Traer, Iowa. 1082.
Floyd Clark Witwer, born March 4, 1904, died 1906, Traer, Ia. 1083.

Rolland Witwer, born at Sterling, Ill., died at Traer, Iowa, on March 1, 1907; is buried at Traer, Iowa.

IDA WITWER.

363. Ida Witwer married to Frank Jones; born to them: 1084.

Rosie Jones, borne (date and record not received). 1085.

They live at 178 East 77th St., Chicago, Ill., but as they did not answer my letters, there is no further record.

LEROY D. WITWER.

365. Leroy D. Witwer married, June 2, 1906, address Mt. Carmel, Ill., to Sarah E. Campbell, born Dec. 9, 1879; born to them: 1086.

Leroy D. Witwer, born at Sterling, Ill., was fireman on the Chicago and Alton railroad; then he transferred to the Big Four division, called the Cairo division of the Big Four railroad, which is under the management of the New York Central lines, and he is engineer now, for over two years. His run is from Mt. Carmel to Danville, Ill., north and from Mt. Carmel to Cairo south. His home is at 201 West 3d St., Mt. Carmel, Ill.

EMILINE WITWER.

367. Emeline Witwer married February, 1869, to Amos Hower; born to them were: 1087.

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Irene Hower, born September, 1879, in Stark Co., Ohio. 1088.
Clarissa Hower, born October 2, 1886, in Stark Co., Ohio. 1089.

Emeline Witwer Hower was born at New Berlin, Stark county, Ohio, and always lived at this place, and is still residing there. They are nice, quiet and respectable neighbors and citizens. They are comfortably situated and stand high in society.

LIZZIE EBY.

426. Lizzie Eby married to Abraham Rohrer; born to them: 1090.

Mary Rohrer, 1091; Amos, E. Rohrer, 1092; Lizzie E. Rohrer, 1093; Anna E. Rohrer, 1094; Daniel E. Rohrer, 1095; Fannie E. Rohrer, 1096; Noah E. Rohrer, 1097; Ira E. Rohrer, 1098.

SUSAN B. EBY.

435. Susan B. Eby married to Abraham Lane, born to them: 1099.

Jacob E. Lane, 1100; Christian E. Lane, 1101; Anna E. Lane, 1102.

MARY B. EBY.

436. Mary B. Eby married to Seth E. Ebersole; born to them: 1103.

Anna E. Ebersole, 1104; Susan E. Ebersole, 1105; Peter E. Ebersole, 1106.

458. John E. Risser married to Barbara Martin; no record. 1107.
459. Susanna E. Risser married to Henry Keener; no record. 1108.

FRANK R. WITWER.

477. Frank R. Witwer married, October 3, 1883, address, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Emma J. Palmer, born September 3, 1857; born to them were: 1109.

Susie Ellen Witwer, born November 10, 1885, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 1110.
Mary P. Witwer, born October 3, 1888, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1111.
Weaver Glen Witwer, born May 15, 1890, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1112.
Frank Maurice Witwer, born May 18, 1893, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 1113.
Isaac Hurd Witwer, born July 12, 1896, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1114.

Frank R. Witwer, born in Cedar Rapids, Ia., is a traveling salesman for the Witwer Brothers Wholesale Grocery Co.; is highly respected and a good, honest citizen.

NELLIE C. WITWER.

478. Nellie C. Witwer married April 16, 1891, address, Modoc, Kans., to Robert B. Irwin, born May 15, 1853, in Modoc, Kans; born to them were: 1115.

Ellen R. Irwin, born April 30, 1892, in Modoc, Kans. 1116.
Esther Witwer Irwin, born August 21, 1893, in Modoc, Kans. 1117.
Marie Irwin, born February 3, 1897, in Modoc, Kans. 1118.

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Nellie C. Witwer, born July 27, 1856, at Rockford, Ill., removed with her parents to Topeka, Kans, in 1879. She was teaching school for some time and married April 16, 1891, and with her husband and family now reside at Modoc, Kans., as good, respectable and worthy members of society.

BESSIE R. WITWER.

479. Bessie R. Witwer married, June 10, 1886, at Topeka, Kans., to Burton T. Wharton, born July 13, 1885, in Monroe Co., Ind.; born to them were: 1119.

Lawrence Diller Wharton, born March 13, 1887, in Craig, Neb. 1120.
Adeline Wharton, born December 13, 1889, in Topeka, Kans. 1121.
Bessie R. Wharton, born October 13, 1891, at Paola, Kans. 1122.

Burton Tolbert Wharton and Bessie R. Witwer Wharton are now living at Marshall, Mo., have lived there since June 1, 1897. Mr. Wharton is pastor of the Christian church of Marshall, Mo. Lawrence Diller Wharton is located at Bataugas, Province of Bataugas, Island of Luzon, P. I.; teacher in high school for the government at Bataugas.

WEAVER DILLER WITWER.

480. Weaver Diller Witwer, Jr., married, December 27, 1891, to Emma A. Ohmer—they have no children. 1123.

Weaver D. Witwer, manager of the National Hotel, at Salina, Kans.

CLARK CURTIS WITWER.

482. Clark Curtis Witwer married, October 25, 1899, address, Cedar Rapids, Ia., to Cora B. Hogle; born to them were: 1124.

Clark Curtis Witwer, Jr., born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1125.
Mabel Ruth Witwer, born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1126.

JOHN HAMILTON SHAVER.

484. John Hamilton Shaver, married, November 14, 1881, address, Cedar Rapids, Ia., to Martha E. McMillen, born June 26, 1865; born to them are: 1127.

Esther C. Shaver, born June 14, 1883. 1128.
Isaac H. Shaver, born December 14, 1884. 1129.
Bessie E. Shaver, born June 1, 1895. 2267.

ELLA MARY SHAVER.

485. Ella Mary Shaver, married October 31, 1878, to Geo. M. Olmstead, born May 4, 1845, died 1897; born to them were: 1130.

Esther Shaver Olmstead, born March 30, 1883. 1131.
William H. Olmstead, born December 20, 1887. 2268.

BESSIE EURETTIE SHAVER.

487. Bessie Eurettie Shaver, married February, 1881, to John Stoney Ely, born November, 18, 1853; born to them were: 1132.

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John Montague Ely, born April 23, 1884. 1133.
Mary Esther Ely, born May 7, 1888. 2269.
Fred. Shaver Ely, born June 1, 1893. 2270.
Martha Weare Ely, born September 12, 1896. 2271.

EVA A. BROWN.

490. Eva A. Brown married, November 16, 1874, to William T. Bunnell; born to them were: 1134.

Hattie Bunnell, born May 6, 1875, at Pembrook, N. Y. 1135.
Etta Bunnell, born January 16, 1881, at Pembrook, N. Y. 1136.
Altha Bunnell, born February 26, 1883, at Pembrook, N. Y. 1137.

Mr. Bunnell is a farmer and blacksmith.

ETTA V. BROWN.

491. Etta V. Brown married, October 3, 1883, address, Pembrook, N. Y., to Freemont V. Brown. 1138.

Mr. Brown is a minister of the Christian Church in Pembrook, Gennessee county, N. Y.

LEILA M. GARRETT.

495. Leila M. Garrett married, 1877, died April 11, 1899, to Josiah P. Griswald; no family; Methodists. 1139.

STELLA A. GARRETT.

496. Stella A. Garrett married, June 21, 1883, address, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to E. M. Sefton, teacher of piano and theory; born to them were; 1140.

Leila Frances Sefton, born January 6, 1885, at Cedar Rapids, Ia. 1141.
Margurite M. Sefton, born July 1, 1888, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1142.

Mr. Sefton is teacher of music in Coe College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

CHARLES E. GARRETT.

497. Charles E. Garrett married, 1888, to (name not obtained); born to them were: 1143.

John Witwer Garrett, born March 4, 1890, in Nye Co., Nev. 1144.
Stella Garrett, born June 5, 1894, in Nye Co., Nev. 1145.
Emery Garrett, born April 8, 1896, in Nye Co., Nev. 1846. *(NOTE.)
Leila Garrett, born June 25, 1898, in Nye Co., Nev. 1847.
Charlie Garrett, born September 1900, died 1908, in Nye Co., Nev. 1848.
Ione Garrett, born October, 1902, in Nye Co., Nev. 1849.
Fanny Garrett, born June 7, 1904, in Nye Co., Nev. 1850.
Walter Clark Garrett, born January 23, 1906, in Nye Co., Nev. 1851.

Charles E. Garrett, born June 6, 1863, in Pembrook, Gennessee county, New York, when he was 18 years old he went west from Iowa and settled

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down to mining business, which he followed all his life. He was a fearless man, a nerve of steel, honest, loved and respected by all those who knew him; generous to a fault. During his sickness, for several years before his death, never complained, but was cheerful in his quiet but gentle way. He resided at Current Creek, Nye county, Nevada. He died in 1907, in the month of May.

JOHN WITWER GARRETT.

498. John Witwer Garrett married, November 7, 1889, to Fannie Christy, born September 7, 1869; born to them was: 1852.

Myriam Christy Garrett, born May 9, 1895, Colorado Springs, Colo. 1853.

John Witwer Garrett, born December 15, 1865, in Pembrook, Gennessee county, New York, when at the age of 15 years, began by being grocery clerk for four years. Then he went to college for four years, and salesman in the cracker business for four years; then in the life insurance business for four years, in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Iowa. He has been in the guns, ammunition, sporting goods and confections business for the last thirteen years, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He never drank a drop of any kind of liquor; never swore, but he smokes and for pastime goes hunting. He is a professional trap shot. In 1904 he won the year's average as amateur shot. First two years after starting for himself he lived at Marion, Iowa, from then up to 1896, lived in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. since then at Colorado Springs, Colo. He is a member of the Christian church, K. of P., T. P. A., Com. Mens Assn. and T. P. A. of A.

ROBERT W. WITWER.

506. Robert W. Witwer married, June 23, 1903, address, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Anna Fay, born, 1869, (no other history or record received). 1146.

John Fay Witwer, born May 21, 1906, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1147.

ESTHER C. WITWER.

507. Esther C. Witwer married, February 3, 1902, address, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Van Dyck Fort, (no other record received). 1148.

Rachael Fort, born June 6, 1905, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1149.

RACHAEL E. WITWER.

508. Rachael E. Witwer, single, teacher in High School of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

BERTHA H. WITWER.

509. Bertha H. Witwer, single, teacher in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, schools. They are highly respected and very efficient teachers.

EDWARD B. WITWER.

511. Edward B. Witwer, attorney at law, 1401 Association Building, 153 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.; is single and a very influential man.

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MABEL WITWER.

513. Mabel Witwer married, June 24, 1900, to George H. Hannen; born to them was: 1150.

Edith Bernice Hannen, born June 4, 1901. 1151.

As I have received no other record or history and not able to give any further account of them, I am very sorry.

EDITH L. WITWER.

514. Edith L. Witwer married, May 16, 1907, to Hans von Basch Linne—no family. 1152.

MARY W. WITWER.

516. Mary W. Witwer married, April 13, 1893, address, Jerome Ave. and 190th St., New York City, N. Y., to Rev. D. L. Pelton, rector of St. James church; born to them were: 1153.

Benjamin W. Pelton, born June 15, 1896, in New York City. 1154.
Mary Bernice Pelton, born November 20, 1905, in New York City. 1155.
June Dewit Pelton, born April 10, 1907, in New York City. 1156.

JESSE JUNE WITWER.

517. Jesse June Witwer married to James Adams. 1157.

BENJAMIN H. WITWER.

520. Benjamin H. Witwer married, June 19, 1900, address, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Jessie Epler, born December 25, 1877; born to them was: 1158.

Janette Epler Witwer, born March 4, 1902, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 1159.

GRACE W. WITWER.

521. Grace W. Witwer married, September 22, 1903, address, Cedar Rapids, Ia., to A. H. Sargent, born 1875; born to them were: 1160.

Harriet Sargent, born December 8, 1905, in Cedar Rapids, Ia. 1161.
Mary Sargent, born March 18, 1907, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1162.

LOUIS H. and PERCY P. WITWER.

524. Louis H. and 525, Percy P. Witwer, the twins, are traveling salesmen for the Witwer Brothers Co., Wholesale Grocers, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

ZADOK R. WITWER.

585. Zadok R. Witwer married to Anna M. Booth; no family. 1163.

Zadock is a bookkeeper in an extensive dry goods house in the City of Philadelphia, Pa.; is an excellent business man as evidenced qualifications

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from the fact of being with the one firm for many years, as he has been with the one firm for over 30 years.

MARY WITWER.

586. Mary Witwer married, 1882, died 1892, address, Nine Points, Pa., to James W. Aikin; born to them were: 1164.

Elizabeth Witwer Aikin, born February 16, 1883, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1165.
Sarah Walker Aikin, born November 3, 1884, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1166.
Frances Aikin, born December 8, 1886, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1167.
Daniel Aikin, born July 13, 1888, died 1889, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1168.
Lucy Aikin, born December 13, 1891, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1169.

Mr. Aikin is a blacksmith, and his daughters, are all well educated and teaching schools and in colleges. They are all graduates and efficient teachers.

FRANCES WITWER.

587. Frances Witwer married, December 11, 1883, address, New Holland, Pa., to Harry W. Hammond, born October 22, 1857; born to them were: 1170.

Margarett L. Hammond, born January 22, 1885, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1171.
Charles Witwer Hammond, born July 18, 1886, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1172.
Anna Mea Hammond, born September 7, 1888, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1173.
Paul W. Hammond, born May 22, 1891, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1174.
William Allen Hammond, born July 19, 1894, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1175.
Lester L. Hammond, born September 1, 1898, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1176.

DANIEL WITWER.

591. Daniel Witwer married, 1893, to Ella Knight, born March 25, 1874; born to them were: 1177.

Lester Witwer, born October 21, 1894, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1178.
Mildred Witwer, born July 15, 1900, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1179.
Russell Witwer, born April 19, 1905, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1180.

TITUS WITWER.

592. Titus Witwer married to Kathryn Bastian—no family. 1181.
No history received; they live in Philadelphia, Pa.

ELIZABETH BURKHOLDER.

595. Elizabeth Burkholder married, November 12, 1874, to George Washington Jackson, born January 29, 1850; born to them were: 1182.

Blanche Jackson, born November 25, 1875, at Osborn, Ohio. 1183.
Jay Burk Jackson, born May 2, 1877, at Osborn, Ohio. 1184.
Nina Elizabeth Jackson, born September 24, 1881, at Osborn, Ohio. 1185.
Sadie Jackson, born November 11, 1883, at Osborn, Ohio. 1186.
George Milo Jackson, single, born May 27, 1886, at Osborn, Ohio. 1187.

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ISAAC BURKHOLDER.

597. Isaac Burkholder married December 18, 1888, to Etta Pence, born March 27, 1863; born to them was: 1188.

Glen Burkholder, born December 18, 1891. 1189.

JOHN H. BURKHOLDER.

600. John H. Burkholder, married, 1883, address, Ashland, Ohio, to Fannie J. Depler; born to them was: 1190.

Frances Margurite Burkholder, born November 20, 1894. 1191.

John H. Burkholder is in the manufacturing business and is quite prosperous; has several patents, and located at Ashland, Ohio.

SUSAN BURKHOLDER.

603. Susan Burkholder married, August 18, 1897, to Frank Maxheimer (no other record received). 1192.

JOHN STUDEBAKER WITWER.

606. John Studebaker Witwer married August 16, 1871, address, Dallas, Texas, to Florence Celina Buck, born March 28, 1852, at Laporte, Ind; born to them were: 1193.

Ella Alvisa Witwer, born September 8, 1872, in Dallas, Texas. 1194.
Walter Claire Witwer, born October 20, 1874, in Dallas, Texas. 1195.
Mary Louise Witwer, born April 20, 1877, in Dallas, Texas. 1196.
John Wilbur Witwer, born July 19, 1881, in Dallas, Texas. 1197.

John Studebaker Witwer, born in Lancaster Co., Pa., about half a mile from the old Daniel Witwer (his great grandfather) homestead—where his father, George Witwer, was also born,—June 11, 1850. He remained with his parents until the 18th year of his age, when he set out to engage in business for himself. He assisted his uncle, P. E. Studebaker, then at St. Joseph, Mo., part of his time, as salesman and the like, and also his friend, Dextin Buck, in the City of St. Louis, Mo., who was then extensively engaged in the sewing machine business. In January, 1871, his uncle, P. E. Studebaker, who took quite an interest in him, induced him to accept a position as salesman in a large commission house; firm of Iglehart & Leonard, in Kosse, Texas, where he soon acquired a good practical business turn, which fitted him to take charge of business for himself. He remained with this firm for 18 months, moving to each terminus of the Houston and Texas Central railroad, as the road was extended toward Northern Texas; from Kosse to Groesbeck, Corsicana and Dallas, arriving in the latter place in July, 1872. He concluded to locate permanently in Dallas, the county seat of Dallas county, Texas, for a business and residence location. Prior to this he united in marriage with Florence C. Buck, of Laporte, Ind., August 16, 1871. He is extensively engaged in the handling of Studebaker wagons and implements, both wholesale and retail. Having built up a trade, he soon found it necessary to enlarge his business house, to carry on

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his business more satisfactorily. In establishing himself he made the sale of the Studebaker Manufacturing Co.'s products a specialty, with energy and good habits as a basis of obtaining credit and capital, having had less than $200 in the start, by close attention made a success of it, and accumulated some valuable property. His business house, No. 713 Elm St., Dallas, Texas, an excellent location, in a beautiful part of the city. His residence is on Ross Avenue, a desirable residence place and the best in the city. In 1879 he was elected as member of the city council. In 1883 he was selected as one of a committee of two by the leading citizens of the city to go to Washington, D. C., in the interests of a certain location upon which to erect a government building in Dallas; in this the committee was successful. In 1884 he was elected a delegate to the Republican congressional and state conventions, also delegate to the National convention, held in Chicago, Ill., to nominate President and Vice-President of the United States.

REBECCA FRANCES WITWER.

607. Rebecca Frances Witwer married January 12, 1871, died May 14, 1874, to D. B. Sell; born to them were: 1198.

George W. Sell, born 1872. 1199.
Clement Sell, born 1874. 1200.

Rebecca Frances Witwer was respected by all who knew her and with whom she mingled; was noted for her excellent traits of Christian character; united with the Baptist Brethren, in her tenth year of her age; was a devoted member to the end. D. B. Sell, her husband, was an excellent man; was deacon in the church, and a carpenter by occupation.

LEAH ELIZABETH WITWER.

608. Leah Elizabeth Witwer married June 12, 1888, address, South Bend, Ind., to Joseph Kopsey; born to them was: 1201.

Anna Elizabeth Kopsey, born August 8, 1889, in South Bend, Ind. 1202.

They reside at 1417 South Michigan St., South Bend, Ind.

MARIA ADA WITWER.

Maria Ada Witwer married, September 11, 1878, address, Joliet, Ill., to John M. Mohler, born May 25, 1859; born to them were: 1203.

Leah H. Mohler, born August 3, 1880, in Caldwell Co., Mo. 1204.
Floyd W. Mohler, born August 9, 1882, in Caldwell Co., Mo. 1205.
Gertrude M. Mohler, born December 16, 1887, in Caldwell Co., Mo. 1206.
Mary R. Mohler, born September 28, 1896, in Caldwell Co., Mo. 1207.

Mr. Mohler is a wagon and carriage maker and painter.

TIMOTHY WILBUR WITWER.

610. Timothy Wilbur Witwer married, June 27, 1883, to Adeline S. Hall, born March 18, 1863; born to them were: 1208.

John Hall Witwer, born November 4, 1884, at Englewood, Ill. 1209.

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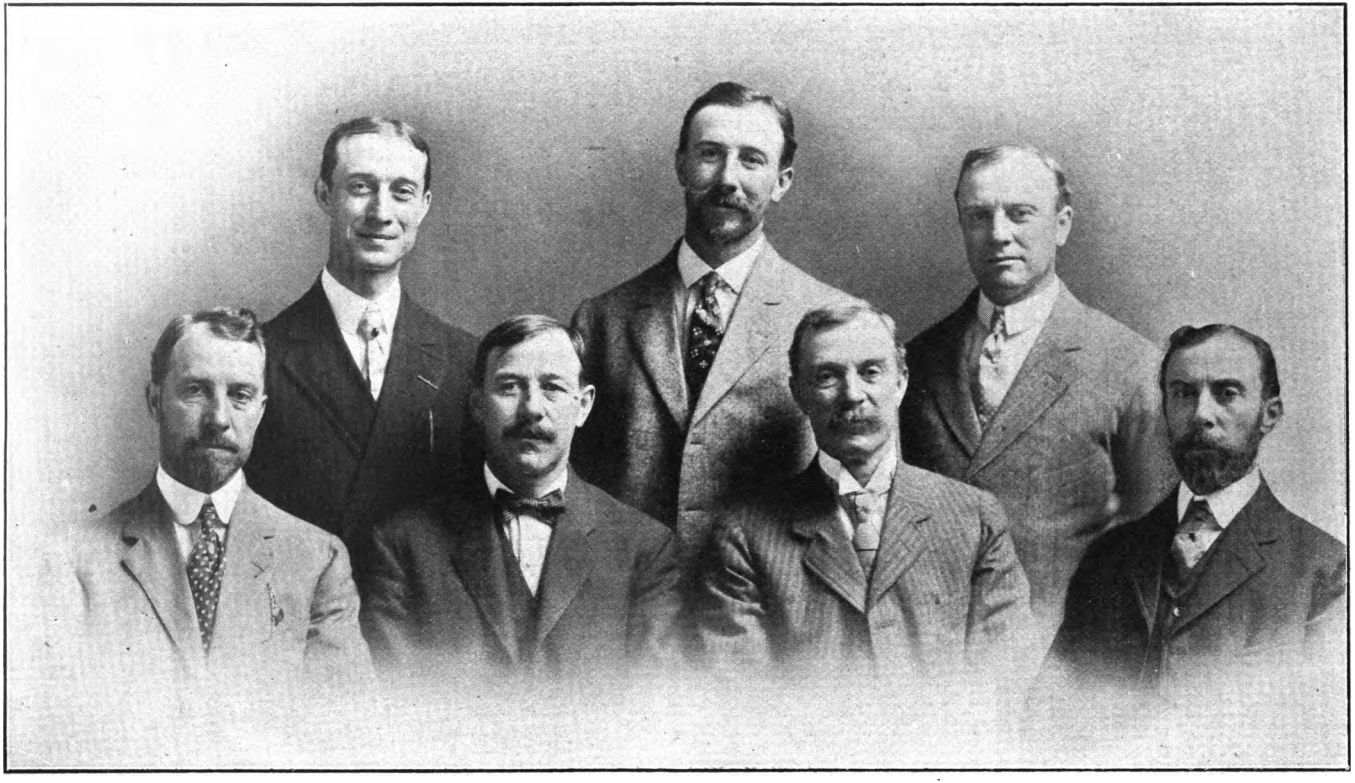

JACOB FRANKLIN WITWER HARVEY E. WITWER EDWIN C. WITWER

CLEMENT SENSENIG WITWER GEORGE MOHLER WITWER JOHN STUDEBAKER WITWER TIMOTHY WILBUR WITWER

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Elizabeth Witwer, born February 4, 1887, at Englewood, Ill. 1210.
Frances Louise Witwer, born February 9, 1894, at Englewood, Ill. 1211.
Henry Wilbur Witwer, born September 16, 1903, at Englewood, Ill. 1212.

Timothy Wilbur Witwer set out to engage in business for himself upon the grant given him by his parents to do so in the fifteenth year of his age. He set out for Dallas, Texas, January 8, 1873, to engage in the employ of his brother, John Studebaker Witwer, where he acquired quite a practical business knowledge; assisted his brother for several years, but having considerable taste for a trade and a fair turn for tin and iron sounds, hammering and pounding, he concluded to try the tinning, stove-fitting and hardware business, and spent his full time of three years to get a full knowledge of the business. During this time he also acquired considerable book knowledge; was a good writer and accountant. His penmanship and style of composition so attracted his uncles, the Studebaker Brothers, of South Bend, Indiana, that he was induced to accept a position in their office, and after giving the best of satisfaction as to his business qualifications and strict integrity, they advanced him as bookkeeper to their repository, at 233 State St., Chicago, Ill.; is also cashier at the same place. Timothy Wilbur Witwer and wife are both worthy members of the Baptist Church and hold their membership at Englewood, Ill.

GEORGE MOHLER WITWER.

611. George Mohler Witwer married June 24, 1885, address, South Bend, Ind., to Mary Elizabeth Violette, born August 18, 1861; born to them were: 1213

Ann Violette Witwer, born March 18, 1888, in South Bend, Ind. 1214.
George Mohler Studebaker Witwer, born June 15, 1902, South Bend. 1215.

George Mohler Witwer, born November 1, 1859, at Pleasant Ridge, in Ashland county, Ohio. In the year 1863 he removed with his parents to Laporte County, Indiana, and in the year 1867 was again removed with his parents and their family to Hamilton, Caldwell county, Missouri. Here he attended public school, and later engaged in herding cattle until at the age of sixteen.

On November 2, 1875, at the request of his uncle, J. M. Studebaker, for whom he was named, he removed to South Bend, Indiana. His uncle took quite an interest in his advancement, cultivation and the improvement of his mind. He took him to his home, sent him to school in the City of South Bend for some years and also several terms at Notre Dame University.

On leaving school in 1880, he became private secretary to his uncle, J. M. Studebaker, of the firm of Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Co. This position he still holds, also holding a position with Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., in charge of real estate, collector of rents, and various business matters connected with the firm.

George Mohler Witwer united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Violette, of Waterford, Elkhart county, Indiana, on June 24, 1885, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Violette, of that place. They reside at 1031 East Jefferson Street, South Bend, Indiana, where they have a very nice and commodious home.

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CLEMENT SENSENIG WITWER.

612. Clement Sensenig Witwer married, October 5, 1887, to Mary Elizabeth Shreffler, born October 14, 1858; born to them were: 1216.

Irene Witwer, born July 17, 1800, died 1891, in Joliet, Ill. 1217.
Andrew Hafer Shreffler Witwer, born Feb. 21, 1894, in Joliet, Ill. 1218.

Second wife Antoinette Walworth, born January 9, 1863. 1219, in South Bend, Ind., and united in marriage, February 19, 1907, at South Bend, Ind.

Clement Sensenig Witwer, president, treasurer and general manager of the Joliet Manufacturing Company, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, February 26, 1862, and is a direct descendant of the sturdy race, who over two centuries ago inhabited the two provinces on the banks of the upper Rhine in Germany and Switzerland, which has become memorable in the annals of the Old and New World.

The Witwer and Sensenig connections were among the first settlers in Earl township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, having located there in 1727. The Township of Earl and County of Lancaster were organized in 1729. In the Pennsylvania records of deeds (patent), we find the name of our ancestor, Michael Wittwer. First mentioned in a deed from William Penn to Jacob Sensenig, adjoining lands of Michael Witwer, describing boundaries, courses, etc. This deed was dated 1734.

In 1863 Clem. Witwer removed with his parents to Laporte, Ind. In 1867 moved to Hamilton, Mo., where he received his early education. His father, the Rev. George Witwer, of South Bend, Ind., deceased, 1886, and the original compiler of this work, had a general store, and handled implements and vehicles, being one of the first agents of the Studebaker Brothers Mfg. Co., in the west, in connection with his ministerial duties. He was frequently called away from home to preach, making it necessary for his boys to work into the business while young. From the time Clem. was old enough to do anything he either helped his father in the store or herded cattle, and when but 15 years of age he was given $500.00 in cash by his employers, Dwight & Booth, of Hamilton, Mo., and sent 20 miles on horse back to purchase cattle and drove them five miles, weighing and paying for them, and drove them to Hamilton for shipment.

In 1879 he removed to South Bend, Ind., and from that time until September, 1881, was employed by the Studebaker Brothers, in the stock room, and the superintendent's office. In 1881 and 1882 he took a preparatory course in what is now called "Depaw University," at Greencastle, Ind.

Clem. S. Witwer was ambitious to get started in business for himself, and after returning from school, took a position in the lumber department of the Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., remaining there until the fall of 1883, when he accepted a position with his brother, John S. Witwer, of Dallas, Texas. as head salesman. He returned to South Bend, Ind., in 1886, and took a position on the road with Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., remaining with them until the fall of 1887, when he was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Shreffler, the only daughter of Andrew H. Shreffler, who was at that time the president, treasurer and principal owner of the Joliet Manufacturing Co, and who then was the oldest manufacturer in Will county, Illinois.

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Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Witwer, Irene, born July 17, 1890, died September 30, 1891; Andrew Hafer Shreffler Witwer, who was 15 years old on February 21, 1909. Clem. S. Witwer removed to Joliet, Ill., in October, 1887, taking an interest in the Joliet Manufacturing Company, and from 1887 to 1896 was the general superintendent. In 1896 the president, Mr. A. H. Shreffler, died, and at his request Mrs. Witwer assumed the title of president and treasurer of the company. Although the active business of the concern was performed by Clem. S. Witwer, who after Mr. Shreffler's death was made vice-president and general manager.

Mrs. Witwer died October 20, 1905, and the present officers of the company are Clement S. Witwer, president, treasurer and general manager; Timothy Wilbur Witwer (Clem's brother), vice-president; Floyd W. Mohler, (Clem's sister's son), secretary; W. J. Steckel, superintendent.

Clem. S. Witwer was a member of the South Bend light guards in the early eighties and was mustered in by Captain J. G. Greenwalt, who swore them into service for three years; is a member of the Union League and Commercial Clubs of Joliet, Ill., and Hamilton Club of Chicago. He is a member of the Ottawa Street Methodist Episcopal church in Joliet, and a trustee of same, and is a liberal supporter of all church and benevolent institutions. February 19, 1907, he was united in marriage to Antoinette Walworth, of South Bend, Ind. He has never held a political office although frequently urged by his friends to do so, but declined on account of his personal affairs, believing he could better serve his countrymen by creating employment for labor.

EDWIN C. WITWER.

614. Edwin C. Witwer married, June 18, 1889, address, South Bend, Ind., to Gertrude Stover, born March 7, 1880; born to them: 1220.
Charles Stover Witwer, born December 22, 1890, South Bend, Ind. 1221.
Sarah Gertrude Witwer, born January 26, 1896, South Bend, Ind. 1222.
Edwin C. Witwer, Jr., born January 26, 1904, South Bend, Ind. 1223.
Charles Stover Witwer died July 20, 1892.

Edwin C. Witwer was born February 1, 1866, in Laporte county, Indiana; moved with his parents to Hamilton, Caldwell county, Missouri, in the year, 1867. Here he attended the public schools and during vacation period helped his father in the sale of Studebaker wagons and vehicles; also clerked in a general store. He quit school at the age of fifteen.

On October 12, 1880, Edwin C. moved to South Bend, Indiana, where he took a position as office boy and file clerk with the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company. He attended Notre Dame University during the years 1882 and 1883, receiving a diploma in the commercial course. Immediately upon the return from school he went into the carriage department of the Studebaker works, located on the corner of South Michigan and Jefferson Streets, to learn the business, working four and one-half years at the bench learning the coach body building trade. He also spent some time in the drafting department, going through various branches of the business, having charge of costs, repairs, also assisting in the selling and general office work until in the year 1893. This factory was dismantled and converted into business property.

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He now holds the position of assistant purchasing agent and has charge of the buying for the carriage and auto department of the Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., and the Studebaker Automobile Co., at South Bend, Indiana.

Edwin C. Witwer was united in marriage with Gertrude Stover, at 1619 South Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana. He is a member of the First M. E. church, and resides at 1014 South Michigan Street, South Bend, Indiana.

JACOB FRANKLIN WITWER.

616. Jacob Franklin Witwer married, September 11, 1901, address, Kansas City, Mo., to Alma Loechler, born March 25, 1877, Columbus, O. 1224.

Jacob Franklin Witwer was born October 3, 1870, in Hamilton Co., Mo., Being the seventh son and eleventh child of George and Elizabeth Studebaker Witwer; attended public schools, and on August 25, 1881, (at the age of eleven years) moved with his parents to South Bend, Indiana, where he attended what was known as South School, on the corner of Main and Sample Streets, from September, 1881, to 1886. During the summer vacations of these years he worked in the different departments of Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co.'s works. The first 25c he earned there was for piling wagon spokes and fellows in their lumber department, on Saturdays, and when he received his pay on Saturday night or on Monday morning from the hands of Mr. J. M. Studebaker, Sr., he felt rich as a prince, and was glad for the opportunity to work and earn something and learn the lesson of thrift. He attended the South Bend Commercial College in 1887, with the expectation of finishing business course so as to take the position as private secretary to Mr. Jacob F. Studebaker, then secretary of the Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., upon his return from Europe that Fall, as this was his only name sake, and he had no sons. This was prevented by his death which occurred some few weeks after his return from Europe, in November, 1887.

Jacob F. then worked in different departments of the Studebaker works, large offices, as errand boy for J. M. Studebaker, Sr., vice-president; stenographer for P. E. Studebaker, treasurer, and in departments where he could get knowledge of the business. He attended Mt. Morris College, at Mt. Morris, Ill., school year of 1889, and on August 12, 1889, went to Dallas, Texas, at the age of 19, to take the positions of cashier and salesman for his brother, John S. Witwer, who owned the wholesale and retail branch house for the Studebaker wagons and vehicles, and who had just been appointed postmaster of Dallas, Texas, under President Harrison. Under his advice, example and training he developed into a salesman equalled by few and surpassed by none of his age, and was given a present of $100.00 at the close of the first year and had $300.00 added to his salary account of several years.

Peter S. Studebaker, treasurer of the great wagon and vehicle works firm, upon hearing of a sale Jacob F. made to a prominent man, under conditions that would have "floored" salesmen of twice his age, remarked, Mr. Clem. Studebaker, Sr., "That boy, like his uncle, Peter E., is a 'natural born salesman,' and will be a valuable man for us in later years."

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On August 18, 1891, in company with his brother, Harvey E., opened up a vehicle repository in Joliet, Ill., under the firm name of Witwer Bros., in Masonic Temple, carriage repository agents for Studebaker vehicles and wagons. It was the largest and finest one in the State of Illinois, outside of Chicago. But the panic of 1893 came on; failures of banks, mills, etc., had its effects in business and he went to Aurora, Ill., on January 1, 1894, as manager of retail and wholesale hardware business for Mr. Henry Ryan, at same time retaining interest in firm of Witwer Bros., who went out of business the following year. He left the firm of Henry Ryan, of Aurora, Ill., on May 16, 1899, and on July 15, 1899, accepted a position with Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., as general traveler for Northern Indiana, and was so successful that on January 1, 1900, was promoted to general traveler for the State of Ohio, with headquarters at Columbus, and on January 1, 1904, associated himself with the W. H. Gabriel Carriage and Wagon Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, as manager of retail and wholesale business; they also being distributors of Studebaker's products in Northern Ohio. In January, 1907, he was appointed as special representative of Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., to look after their interests at Jamestown Exposition, at Norfolk, Va., and the result of his work and the manner in which he acquitted himself was highly complimented by the sales manager and the president of the company. In January, 1908, he went to Kansas City, Mo., as manager of the retail vehicle and wagon department, and in January, 1909, was appointed manager of retail and wholesale automobile department for the States of Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas, which are controlled by the Kansas City Branch.

He was baptized by Rev. Gilbert E. Farr, in the First Baptist Church, South Bend, Ind., February 20, 1887, but is now a member of Linwood Boulevard Christian Church of Kansas City, Mo.

He is an optimist and, like his mother, believes in good cheer, and he attributes his success to his early training by his devoted parents who brought him up to live right and never to do anything that would bring dishonor to the family name, and for 20 years his mother received her weekly letter from him. He was married in Columbus, Ohio, September 11, 1901, to Miss Alma Loechler, and they reside at present at 3328 Prospect Ave., Kansas City, Mo., but they expect to occupy a home of their own at 3732 Tracy Avenue, October 1, 1909.

HARVEY E. WITWER.

617. Harvey E. Witwer married, September 13, A. D. 1900, to Bertha Stow, born July 22, 1875, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and born unto them are the following children: 1225.

Lathrop Stow Witwer, born October 29, 1902, on S. L. W. Ranch, Greeley, Col. 1226.

Harvey E. Witwer, Jr., born October 29, 1905, on S. L. W. Ranch, Greeley, Col. 1227.

Harvey E. Witwer, born June 22, 1872, in Hamilton county, Mo., went to South Bend, Indiana, public schools, where he received his early education, and later at the South Bend Commercial College, and for four years, while in his school work, he was engaged in the dairy business, and handled

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what was known as the Prairie Avenue Dairy. For three years of this period he delivered milk in the morning and in the evening before and after school, and gained the reputation of being one of the best hustlers of the City of South Bend, Indiana. The newspapers on several different instances designated him as being one of the "Get there kind."

When he was at the age of fifteen years, he united with the Baptist Church, but at present is a member of the Christian Church, or Church of Christ, and the following notice of his and his noble wife's work will in a measure explain with what zeal and ardent sincerity they have entered the vineyard of the Master to work for Him, and their achievements prove their unfailing earnestness and with what great success their efforts lead to for good to their community and both are found to be of the "get there kind."

Dedication of the Church at the Studebaker, Lamb, Witwer Ranch, at Greeley, Colorado.

This church is located ten miles east of Greeley, Colorado, in a fine section of country. It has a very interesting history. About six years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Witwer came to Colorado, and Mr. Harvey E. Witwer, originally from South Bend, Indiana, and the youngest son of the Rev. George Witwer, became the manager of the Studebaker Lamb Witwer Ranch, a very large institution. There was spiritual destitution in the community; no religious services were held. Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Witwer a representative of the American Sunday School Union came and organized a Sunday School, in 1902. There was occasional preaching by passing ministers. To illustrate, Mr. Harvey Witwer was a member of the Baptist church, the question arose, "what kind of a church shall be organized?" The decision was that as Christians, they could unite in forming a Church of Christ, so the following, but brief and comprehensive agreement was written by Mrs. Witwer and signed by those whose names follow, and in the order given:

Greeley, Colo., January, 1904.

We, the people of this community organize ourselves into a Church of Christ; where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent; we are silent.

Harvey E. Witwer, Harry B. Richey, Margarette Richey, Isa Standifird, Julia A. Stowe, Mildred C. Tillman, Bertha Stowe Witwer.

They kept regular appointments at the ranch in holding meetings, and in 1906, E. C. Whittaker became the pastor of the S. L. W. Ranch, and they soon had some additions, and the matter of a church building began to be agitated. About this time L. C. Stowe, long an elder at Grand Rapids, Mich., took up his residence with his daughter, Mrs. Witwer, on the ranch, and at once threw his energies into the effort to secure the much needed building, and by the combined efforts of Harvey E. Witwer, wife and father-in-law and others, they erected a church edifice, 26 by 42 feet auditorium, and rear room 12 by 24 feet. The cash cost was $2,616.22., but with the extra donations of labor and materials it is worth more than $3000.00, and on the day of dedication there was a balance of $672.20 remaining to be provided.

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Mr. Stowe handed the keys to the pastor of their church, Mr. Lynn, who after accepting the keys in a very fitting manner, proceeded to raise the amount yet needed, which was accomplished in a very short time, and a neat sum besides for a furnace, and they now have a well equipped house of worship all paid for. They are to be congratulated upon their splendid achievement.

From 1891 to 1899 Harvey E. Witwer was connected with the wholesale and retail vehicle business, and on May 1, 1899, he became associated with J. M. Studebaker, of South Bend, Indiana, one of the firm of the Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., and Lafayette Lamb, of Clinton, Iowa, in the ranch and livestock business, at Greeley, Colorado, and at the present time he is secretary and manager of the S. L. W. Ranch Co., and vice-president and manager of the Ogilvie Irrigation and Land Co., whose business is irrigated farms, and live stock; dealing in and operation of farms and dealing in and sale of livestock. During the ten years he has been connected with this business, he was instrumental in building up the irrigated district in which he lives, and with the assistance of his noble Christian wife, who is claimed to be one of the best church workers and soul winners known in the West, or anywhere else, and through their united efforts have made their neighborhood one of the most desirable in the State of Colorado, and one of the best irrigated sections in the world.

Mr. Witwer has always been temperate and uses no tobacco in any form. While a boy and ever since he took for his motto, "Honest effort wins." He always believed in setting the aim high and then hit above the mark. He pays very great tribute to the Christian training he received from his noble Christian parents. In this he has not been more fortunate than the majority of the Witwers, as we find them good Christian people; wherever you find a Witwer, they are associated with Christian work, as a rule.

AMOS SENSENIG.

623. Amos Sensenig, born October 6, 1841, in Lancaster Co., Pa., and resides at Sensenig, Pa. I do not know whether this place was named after him or some of his ancestors. I received a good many letters from him, all good, interesting letters, giving me information of others that were very valuable and authentic. But when it came to saying anything about himself he failed to say enough to enable me to determine whether he is a married man with a family or whether he has always contented himself with blessed singleness, or what. But there is one thing sure, he is not guilty of self-praise. But I am sure that he is a very fine man and a good neighbor, and I hope to have the pleasure some day to meet him and have a good talk with him. The letters received from him have created in me a very warm friendship for him, and a desire to meet him personally.

ELIZABETH LICHTY.

640. Elizabeth Lichty married to Jacob Rutt., in Lancaster Co., Pa.; born to them were:

David Lichty, married to Lydia Martin, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1229.
Christian Lichty married to Emma Bowers, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1230.

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Magdalena Lichty married to Martin B. Rutt, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1231.
Isaac Lichty married to Clara Buckwalter, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1232.
Martin Lichty maried to Ida Bowermaster, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1233.

JOHN WITWER STAUFFER.

677. John Witwer Stauffer married, 1885, address, Gap, Pa., R. R. No. 1, to Josephine Frank, born October 7, 1866; born to them were: 1234.
Henrietta Elizabeth Stauffer, born July 19, 1886, died young, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1235.
Mary Emma Stauffer, born May 14, 1888, at Pequea, Lancaster Co. 1236.
John Lloyd Stauffer, born July 13, 1891, at Pequea, Lancaster Co. 1237.
Ella Josephine Stauffer, born December 6, 1899, died young, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1238.

WM. W. STAUFFER.

679. Wm. W. Stauffer married, 1901, to Lydia Yundt, born April 2, 1877; born to them were: 1239.
Wm. Norman Stauffer, born March 17, 1902, died 1902, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1240.
Rosa Mea Stauffer, born June 2, 1903, died 1905, Lancaster Co. 1241.
Earl Herold Stauffer, born January 8, 1905, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1242.
Verna Irene Stauffer, born July 24, 1906, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1243.
Edna Mabel Stauffer, born October 26, 1908, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1244.

Wm. W. Stauffer, born December 14, 1866, in Lancaster county, Pa., is in the cigar and tobacco business quite extensively. He and his brother, Eli W. Stauffer, have quite a large cigar factory at New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa.

JOSEPH W. STAUFFER.

681. Joseph W. Stauffer married, 1896, to Ella A. Kurtz, born November 3, 1876; born to them were: 1245.
Sarah Irene Stauffer, born Jan. 22, 1897, died 1897, Lancaster Co. 1246.
George Dewey Stauffer, born March 28, 1898, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1247.
Emma Mea Stauffer, born Aug. 26, 1900, died 1900, Lancaster Co. 1248.
Elizabeth Stauffer, born February 1, 1903, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1249.
Albert K. Stauffer, born September 22, 1904, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1250.
Josephine Stauffer, born February 26, 1907, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1251.

686. Benjamin Weaver married to Barbara Souder. 1252.
687. Henry Weaver married to Mary Oberlin. 1253.
691. George Weaver married to Mattie Oberholtzer. 1254.
692. Eli Weaver married to Susie Oberlin. 1255.
693. John Weaver married to Anna Martin. 1256.
695. David Weaver married to Cora Groff. 1257.

CATHERINE WEAVER.

696. Catherine Weaver married November 25, 1877, to Abraham Weber, born November 24, 1854; born to them were: 1258.

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Lizzie W. Weber, born September 16, 1878, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1259.
Isaac W. Weber, born April 15, 1881, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1260.
Katie W. Weber, born October 30, 1884, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1261.
Emma W. Weber, born July 19, 1886, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1262.

SUSANNA WEAVER.

688. Susanna Weaver married November 19, 1871, to Amos Geigley, born December 15, 1850; born to them were: 1263.

Catherine Geigley, born October 12, 1872, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1264.
John W. Geigley, born February 19, 1874, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1265.
Isaac W. Geigley, born July 28, 1875, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1266.
Matilda Geigley, born April 4, 1878, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1267.
Susie Geigley, born December 5, 1879, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1268.
Annie Geigley, born July 2, 1881. in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1269.
Amos W. Geigley, born November 22, 1882, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1270.
Harry W. Geigley, born August 9, 1884, Lancaster Co., Pa. 1271.
Lizzie Geigley, born March 15, 1887, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1272.
Eva Geigley, born February 20, 1889, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1273.
George W. Geigley, born May 2, 1891, in Lancaster Co., Pa. 1274.

DR. DANIEL WITWER WEAVER.

694. Dr. Daniel Witwer Weaver married, 1899, address, Greensberg, Ind., to Mary E. Wood, born 1871; born to them was: 1275.

Kathryn Weaver, born April 8, 1903. 1276.

Dr. Daniel Witwer Weaver, born February 12, 1873, in Lancaster Co., Pa., is a specialist doctor; his practice limited to eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, and has his office at Greensburg, Ind.; is a fine young man, respected and liked by all.

SAMUEL W. WITWER.

698. Samuel W. Witwer married July 31, 1894, address, 1821 Cedar St., Pueblo, Colo., to Lulu C. Richmond, born January 29, 1872; born to them were: 1277.

Charles Ross Witwer, born July 15, 1895, in Pueblo, Colo. 1278.
Herold R. Witwer, born January 28, 1897, in Pueblo, Colo. 1279.
L. Margurite Witwer, born April 18, 1899, in Pueblo, Colo. 1280.
Kathryn G. Witwer, born January 13, 1903, in Pueblo, Colo. 1281.
Samuel W. Witwer, Jr., born July 1, 1908, in Pueblo, Colo. 1282.

Samuel W. Witwer, born April 23, 1871, in Lancaster Co., Pa., was teaching school for some time and then tried commercial traveling for a while. But he did not like it, so he settled down to be a steel worker and resides at 1821 Cedar St., Pueblo, Colorado. He is a well-read and posted man, highly respected and a good neighbor.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WITWER.

697. Benjamin Franklin Witwer, born April 7, 1869, in Lancaster Co., Pa. He was engaged to teach a public school at the age of only a

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little over 17 years, and the following notice is taken from the New Holland Clarion, dated July 24, 1886: "The youngest and probably the smallest teacher that will preside over a school in this county (Lancaster) the coming term, was appointed by the Cassnarvon board to Conestoga School, B. F. Witwer, only a boy, never away to school, yet passed a very creditable examination. Ambition and grit of which he seems to have plenty will make his a success if applied to advantage." He taught school for a few terms and read law and was admitted to the bar and went to Wichita, Kansas. But his health failed and he returned to Lancaster county, Pa., where he died on the 30th day of April, 1893, aged 24 years and 23 days.

CHARLES S. WITWER.

699. Charles S. Witwer, born March 17, 1874, in Lancaster county, Pa., started out teaching school and studied law, and was soon admitted to the bar, and is now attorney-at-law in Denver, Colorado; is a mining man and has extensive holdings in Colorado, Arizona and Nevada. His address is 509 Earnest and Cramner Building, Denver, Colo. He is single.

ALBERT M. WITWER.

700. Albert M. Witwer married, December 26, 1900, to Emma Gorsuch, born July 7, 1869; born to them were: 1283.

Albert M. Witwer, Jr., born April 1, 1902, address, Chester, Pa. 1284. Charles Bickerton Witwer, born August 10, 1904. 1285.

Albert Metzger Witwer, born March 3, 1876, in Lancaster Co., Pa., taught school for a while and finally entered the ministry of the M. E. Church; is now at, address, 2108 W. 3rd St., Chester, Pa., who furnished a very creditable article on M. E. Church history. (See later.)

SUSAN MARTIN.

702. Susan Martin married to George B. Rutt; born to them: 1286.

Eli Rutt, 1287; Sallie Rutt, 1288; Jonas Rutt, 1289; Amos Rutt, 1290; Lizzie Rutt, 1291; Henry Rutt, 1292; Eddie Rutt, 1293.

SARAH MARTIN.

706. Sarah Martin married to Jacob R. Good; born to them: 1294.

Joseph Good, 1295; Annie Good, 1296; Ida Good, 1297; Harry Good, 1298; Jonas Good, 1299; Jacob Good, 1300.

AMOS WITWER MARTIN.

707. Amos Witwer Martin, married to Lizzie Hoover; born to them: 1301.

Lydia Martin, 1302; David Martin, 1303; Jonas H. Martin, 1304; Titus Martin, 1305; Daniel Martin, 1306; Martha Martin, 1307; James Martin, 1308.

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JONAS W. MARTIN.

708. Jonas W. Martin married Lovina Musser; born to them: 1309. Emma Martin, 1310; Mary Martin, 1311.

JOHN W. MARTIN.

709. John W. Martin married to Lizzie Zimmerman; born to them were: 1312.

Jonas Martin, 1313; Anna Martin, 1314; Magdalena Martin, 1315; Lizzie Martin, 1316.

HENRY MARTIN.

710. Henry Martin married to Maria Zimmerman; born to them were: 1317.

Wm. Martin, 1318; Lydia Martin, 1319; Menno Martin, 1320.

LYDIA MARTIN.

711. Lydia Martin married to Peter Martin; born to them: 1321. Edgar Martin, 1322; Ivan Martin, 1323.

LIZZIE MARTIN.

712. Lizzie Martin married to Elam Reiff; born to them: 1324. Eddie Reiff, 1325.

MARY MARTIN.

713. Mary Martin married to Herbert Zeamer. 1326.

AGNES WITWER.

732. Agnes Witwer married December 3, 1876, in Green Co., O., to John Folk, born May 28, 1855; born to them were: 1336.

Nettie C. Folk, born April 12, 1878, in Green Co., O. 1337.
Katie T. Folk, born July 25, 1880, in Green Co., O. 1338.
Iva E. Folk, born September 9, 1882, in Green Co., O. 1339.
Harry E. Folk, born October 28, 1884, in Green Co., O. 1340.

DAVID C. NEWCOMER.

735. David C. Newcomer married, December 18, 1878, to Annora Stiles, born March 17, 1858; born to them was: 1327.

Lee Thornton Newcomer, born September 5, 1879, Clark Co., O. 1328.

EMMA C. NEWCOMER.

736. Emma C. Newcomer married, April 7, 1878, to Merit H. Tatman, born May 28, 1818, in Clark Co., O.; born to them were: 1329.

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Joseph M. Tatman, born February 15, 1879, in Green Co., O. 1330.
Jennie G. Tatman, born July 9, 1880, in Green Co., O. 1331.
Lucrecia Tatman, born November 12, 1881, in Green Co., O. 1332.

FRANKLIN NEWCOMER.

738. Franklin Newcomer married, November 19, 1882, to Nora Burns, born January 15, 1886, in Clark Co., O.; born to them: 1333.
Myrtle Newcomer, born November 8, 1883, in Lyon Co., Kans. 1334.
Joseph Newcomer, born June 2, 1885, in Lyon Co., Kans. 1335.

Franklin Newcomer, born October 29, 1861, in Green Co., Ohio, was a farmer at Emporia, Lyon Co., Kans.

KATIE HOKE.

749. Katie Hoke married, March 5, 1890, Osborn O., to George W. Beyl; born to them were: 1341.
Infant son, born January 22, 1897, died ———, at Osborn, O. 1342.
Vivian G. Beyl, born September 29, 1903, at Osborn, O. 1343.

BERTHA HOKE.

750. Bertha Hoke married, February 28, 1907, address, Osborn, O., to Wm. K. Brenizer; born to them was: 1344.
Merle H. Brenizer, born November 23, 1908, at Osborn, O. 1345.

ANNIE HOKE.

751. Annie Hoke married, March 12, 1895, to Henry M. Hatfield, born to them were: 1346.
Esther Hatfield, born March 8, 1896, at Osborn, O. 1347.
Harriet Hatfield, born March 18, 1901, at Osborn, O. 1348.
Roger L. Hatfield, born June 5, 1903, at Osborn, O. 1349.
Jeanette Hatfield, born December 9, 1907, at Osborn, O. 1350.

WILFORD HOKE.

753. Wilford Hoke married, June 27, 1900, to Hester M. Conies; born to them were: 1351.
Laura E. Hoke, born October 8, 1901. 1351.
Donald Hoke, born September 5, 1903, at Osborn, O. 1353.
Dorotha Hoke, born March 21, 1905, at Osborn, O. 1354.
Grace P. Hoke, born September 30, 1907, at Osborn, O. 1355.

EDNA HOKE.

755. Edna Hoke married, August 17, 1906, at Osborn, O., to James D. McConnel; born to them were: 1356.
Reba J. McConnel, born July 17, 1907, at Osborn, O. 1357.
Virginia McConnel, born December 3, 1908, at Osborn, O. 1358.

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EDMOND F. MILLER.

757. Edmond F. Miller married (date not obtained), address, Medway, O., to Anna Lohnes; born to them were: 1359.

Chester Miller, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1360.
Ruth Miller, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1361.
Kenneth Miller, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1362.
Hellen Miller, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1363.
Richard Miller, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1364.

IDA MILLER.

758. Ida Miller married (date not obtained) to David Dispannett; born to them were: 1365.

Lola Dispannett, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1366.
Leroy Dispannett, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1367.
Ethel Dispannett, born (date not obtained), in Clark Co., O. 1368.

BENJAMIN WITWER.

766. Benjamin Witwer married, 1890, to Lillie M. Thumb; born to them were: 1369.

Viola Fern Witwer, born January 8, 1891, died 1892. 1370.
Ralph Jacob Witwer, born October 22, 1892. 1371.
Anna Mary Witwer, born October 30, 1895, died 1898. 1372.

ANDREW J. WITWER.

768. Andrew J. Witwer married to Freda Deitrick, born August 6, 1874. 1373. Is in the insurance business, but gave no history of himself. They reside at 400 Gunkle Ave., Dayton, O.

BARBARA WITWER.

769. Barbara Witwer married to Charles Retlow; he died. 1374.
Mary Retlow, born ———, 1375.
Married second time to Martin Doester, Address, Lititz, Pa.; born to them were: 1376.
Robert Doester, 1377; Elizabeth Doester, 1378.

CATHERINE WITWER.

770. Catherine Witwer married, 1897, to Rev. George Shellenbarger; born to them was: 1379.
Anna Marie Shellenbarger, born October 14, 1898. 1380.

JOHN G. WITWER.

772. John G. Witwer married to Mabel Hulze; address, 1719 Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio. 1381.

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EMELINE WITWER.

940. Emeline Witwer married, 1873, to Stephen K. Hampton, born May 21, 1842, in York State; born to them were: 1382.

William Hampton, born August 18, 1875, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1383.
George Hampton, born Jan. 21, 1877, died 1899, Marshall Co. 1384.
Harry Hampton, born August 2, 1879, in Tippecanoe Co., Ind. 1385.
Maud Hampton, born January 24, 1883, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1386.

Soon after Emeline Witwer was married, they bought a 40 acre farm at Twin Lakes, Ind., and they were very comfortably situated. But as the opportunity presented itself to sell somewhat profitably, they sold out in the spring of 1877, and they moved to LaFayette, Ind., where they bought an 80 acre farm, at the Wild Cat River, just one and one-half miles east of the city. Here they prospered quite well and were doing well, but as they had a chance to sell at a profit in the fall of 1882, they sold out and removed to Marshall Co., Ind., again and bought an 80 acre farm at Pretty Lake, in Marshall Co., and they prospered on this good farm. But in the fall of 1895, Mrs. Hampton's health failed her and they decided to move off the farm. They therefore built themselves a very nice little home in the city of Plymouth, the county seat of Marshall Co., Ind., and soon after they moved into their nice new home. Mrs. Emeline Witwer Hampton was called to rest, September, 1896, and is buried in the Mackelrath cemetery, near Twin Lakes, Ind. She was an excellent woman.

ANETTA WITWER.

941. Annetta Witwer married, 1864, address, Plymouth, Ind., R. R., to Daniel Stuck; born to them were: 1387.

Carrie Alvesta Stuck, born July 30, 1865, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1388.
Josiah Stuck, born July 16, 1867, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1389.
Henry Alburtus Stuck, born February 18, 1869, Marshall Co., Ind. 1390.
Elsie Jane Stuck, born September 15, 1872, Marshall Co., Ind. 1391.
Tynie Alice Stuck, born August 22, 1876, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1392.
Matie L. Stuck, born January 6, 1881, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1393.
Sullivan Stuck, born March 31, 1884, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1394.
Nettie D. Stuck, born December 31, 1886, Marshall Co., Ind. 1395.

Daniel Stuck was a carpenter and farmer. They bought a few acres of land on the north banks of Twin Lakes, in Marshal Co., Ind., right after they were married and built themselves a small house on this and were prospering, but as the "Kansas fever," as they called it, got ahold of them, they decided that they were going to try Kansas, and sold their little home and bought a good team of horses and a wagon and loaded up their effects and went overland across the prairies of the Sucker State, and landed in Kansas. But they did not like it when they got there, and the trip proved to be a failure, and they did not stay very long. But, till they got back they were very glad to get into God's country again, busted, but undaunted, and they went to work to make the best of it. They again bought a couple of acres of land on the north bank of Twin Lakes and built themselves a little cottage, and they prospered and sometime after they sold their little home

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and bought 40 acres about half a mile southwest of the Mackelrath cemetery, and about three and one-half miles southwest of Twin Lakes, where they built themselves a modest little home and prospered and improved it, so that they lived quite comfortably. They ever were exceptionable good neighbors and are respected by everybody and regarded as very exemplary and honorable citizens. Daniel Stuck died April, 1907, and is buried in the Mackelrath cemetery, and the mother of the respected family has in a measure retired and rented the farm to a son-in-law, and she passes a good deal of her time visiting with her children and friends, and on the farm as her inclinations prompt her desires. She is a model woman and neighbor above all reproach of character and honesty of purpose and respect.

LOUISA WITWER.

942. Louisa Witwer married, address, Burr Oak, Ind., to Cyrus Warner, born October 6, 1844; born to them were: 1396.

Wm. H. Allman, born March 8, 1867, Marshal Co., Ind. 1397.
Cora Warner, born January 1, 1869, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1398.
Daisy Warner, born October 4, 1871, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1399.
Mary Warner, born February 23, 1874, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1400.
Anna Irene Warner, born July 12, 1875, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1401.
Henry Warner, born February 23, 1878, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1402.
Myrtle Warner, born February 18, 1883, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1403.
Fred Warner, born May 9, 1887, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1404.
Lester Warner, born March 21, 1891, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1405.

Cyrus Warner was a soldier in the 100-day service, enlisted February 14, 1865, in Co. K, of 151st Regiment, Indianapolis Infantry; was discharged September 19, 1865. He is a farmer. They own and live on their farm about two miles north of Burr Oak, Ind. They are well situated highly respected and good neighbors. Louisa, the mother of the family, is crippled in her hip, that makes her quite lame and laborious for her to get around, but she is a noble woman and a very good neighbor and highly respected.

HENRY WITWER.

943. Henry Witwer married, March 22, 1874, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Mary Zumbaugh, born June 24, 1850, in Marshal Co., Ind.; born to them were: 1406.

Dora Witwer, born November 15, 1874, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1407.
Walter Witwer, born December 15, 1876, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1408.
Lottie May Witwer, born Oct. 16, 1879, died 1889, Marshal Co. 1409.

Henry Witwer is a railroad man; started as a brakeman and worked on different roads; was for a time on the I. P. and C. road, running from Peru to Michigan City, Ind. But finally changed to the L. S. & M. S. R. R., running from Elkhart to Chicago, and has been conductor on this road for many years, and is now one of the oldest conductors on the line and is running the fast line passenger and limited trains, showing the estimation in which he is held by the road, as a trustworthy, honorable and efficient con-

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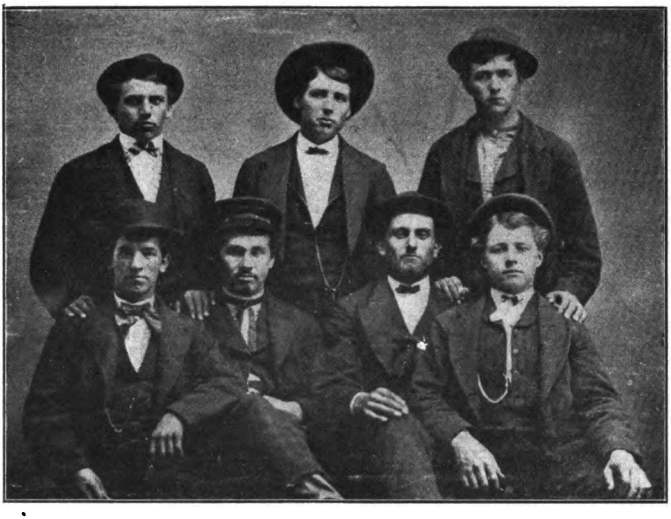

SAMUEL REITER ELIAS S. WITWER JAMES COLEMAN
ANANIAS C. WITWER ISRAEL SCHRANTZ LEVI W. REITER ISAAC W. WITWER

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ductor. Henry Witwer is a highly respected and honorable citizen, somewhat collected and reserved in his intercourse with the world at large, very conservative and yet quite generous; has a very nice home on Hickory Street, in Elkhart, Indiana.

ELIAS STAMBACH WITWER.

945. Elias Stambach Witwer married, 1873, address, Mishawaka, Ind., to Lydia Pfautz, born October 2, 1855, in Stark Co., O.; born to them were: 1410.

Edwin Lee Witwer, born January 11, 1874, in Stark Co., O. 1411.
Wallace H. Witwer, born July 13, 1875, died 1876, Stark Co., O. 1412.
Annie E. Witwer, born February 18, 1877, in Stark Co., O. 1413.
Susie M. Witwer, born September 8, 1878, in Stark Co., O. 1414.
Maggie E. Witwer, born May 12, 1880, in Stark Co., O. 1415.
Marks N. Witwer, born December 22, 1881, (d.) in Stark Co., O. 1416.
Mary Jane Witwer, born April 22, 1883, in Stark Co., O. 1417.
Harry J. Witwer, born March, 21, 1885, in Stark Co., O. 1418.
Roda Witwer, born April 27, 1892, in Stark Co., O. 1420.

Elias Stambach Witwer was born June 17, 1851, in Harrisburgh, Stark County, Ohio; removed with his parents to Marshal County, Ind., in 1857; assisted in clearing and improving their farm, and in the year of 1863 commenced to work for George Shoemaker, on the saw mill, on the north banks of Twin Lakes, where he worked for five years. On April 1, 1869, "he with his sister, Mrs. Dan Stuck, and family and some others, had the Kansas fever." They started on their overland trip to Kansas. They roved around across the prairies and they could not suit themselves anywhere, and by the 1st of October they were back to God's country again; busted but wiser and were satisfied. In the summer of 1870, E. S. worked in Illinois on a farm; came back and worked for Shoemaker until the fall of 1871, when he went on a visit to Ohio, where he liked it so well that he hired out to Cousin Samuel Shaffer. He worked for him over one year. In the summer of 1873 Elias Stambach Witwer got married to Lydia Pfautz, and they lived in that neighborhood, around Mount Zion Church for a good many years. Elias worked in the Holl coal bank for twelve or more years, then they moved to New Berlin Station and he worked on the railroad section for a couple of years. They then moved to Canton, O., where they lived nearly two years, then they moved to Plymouth, Ind., where they lived for over three years. Then they moved to Mishawaka, Ind, where they now reside and are happy and contented. Elias has a good position at the Dodge Manufacturing Co., and is very highly respected. Elias' whole family are members of the Christian Church and are ardent workers in the church.

MARY ANN WITWER.

946. Mary Ann Witwer married, March 28, 1872, address Mishawaka, Ind., to Ananias Clime Witwer, born February 14, 1853, in Summit Co., Ohio; born to them were: 1421.

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Derbe Guy Witwer, born December 15, 1872, in Summit Co., O. 1422.
William Lorenza Witwer, born June 8, 1874, in Summit Co., O. 1423.
Charles Abraham Witwer, born Nov. 29, 1875, Marshal Co., Ind. 1424.
Annetta Emma Witwer, born November 10, 1884, in Canton, O. 1425.
Lydia Elizabeth Witwer, born April 11, 1887, in Canton, O. 1426.
Hazel Elsie Witwer, born April 16, 1889, in Canton, Ohio. 1427.

Derbe Guy Witwer died August 7, 1875, and is buried in the Mackelrath cemetery, near Twin Lakes, Ind.

Charles Abraham Witwer removed with his parents to Canton, O., where, when but 14 years of age, he started to learn the barber trade, and used to have to stand on a box to bring him up high enough so he could reach his customers' faces, and soon acquired the reputatjon of being a good barber. He also had a good ear for music and learned to play the guitar. Soon after starting to learn the barber trade he asked permission to buy a guitar, but he wanted a good one. The permission was granted, and he bought the best to be had and soon became an expert on it; never took any lessons, only as some players came into the barber shop, he would get some occasional instructions, and in that way was instructed what was the flat scale and the minor scale on the instrument, which he practiced and became so proficient in running the scale that he could play second to any piece whether he ever heard the piece before or not and was declared to be a marvel on the instrument. In September, 1895, he decided to go to Chicago, Ill., to perfect his trade, to work in some of the best shops, but in February, 1896, he got typhoid fever and went to the hospital, where he died, on February 23, 1896, aged 20 years, 2 months and 25 days, and is buried in the Mishawaka, Ind., cemetery.

Lydia Elizabeth Witwer died September 20, 1888, and is buried in Mount Zion cemetery, in Stark County, Ohio, one-half mile south of the southeast corner of Summit County, O. Mary Ann Witwer is an exemplary woman. She has always worked hard and she says she expects to as long as she lives, for she can not stand it to see dirt unmolested as long as she is able to chase it and is ever busy chasing dirt one way or another, and to her cleanliness is before godliness. She is an honorable, upright, respectable woman and neighbor.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

947. Elizabeth Witwer married, November 21, 1872, address, Plymouth, Ind., to John W. Nichols, born April 25, 1854, at North Manchester, Ind.; born to them were: 1428.

Birtus Leonard Nichols, born December 13, 1873, at North Manchester, Ind. 1429.

William Henry Nichols, born January 8, 1876, at North Manchester, Ind. 1430.

Roscoe Urben Nichols, born January 11, 1878, at North Manchester, Ind. 1431.

Elizabeth Witwer was united in marriage to John W. Nichols, of North Manchester, Wabash County, Indiana, and they resided at this place, where John was farming until in the summer of 1876, when

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they moved to Marshal County, Ind. In the spring of 1877 they, with Mrs. Nichols' two sisters, Emeline and Mary Ann, and their families, moved to LaFayette, Ind., where John worked on the Wabash railroad; in the yards; then at Peck & Abbot's stave factory, and at various other places. In the spring of 1878 they went to North Manchester and worked there on the farm for the summer season, and about New Years they came back again to LaFayette, Ind., and John started to learn the cooper trade, and in the summer he worked at the carpenter trade for Walter P. James. Here I would add that I was working for the same man this and several seasons that we were in LaFayette. We worked together in the winter in the cooper shop making barrels and in the summer time at carpenter work, and we thus worked together until November, 1882, when John and his family moved to North Manchester, in Wabash County, where they resided for about two years, when they moved to Mashal County, where he worked on the Vandalia railroad. From there they moved to Kewanna, in Fulton County, Ind., as foreman for two years on the big farm of A. D. Toner. Then he opened up a butcher shop in Kewanna with grand success, and after eight months in this business, they sold out and went to Wetsern Kansas, where they took up a homestead. He built a stone house of the dug-out style, and after he got his wife and three boys there he was broke, so he went to work on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. After he got a little start, he went into the stock and poultry business. He bought one pig and three chickens. He put them in a dug-out stable. After the first rain he was broke again as the water ran into his stable and drowned all his stock, so he had to start again from the stump—stock of all kinds was very scarce in that part of the country at that time.

Some time later on he got a start again; this time he invested in an old worn-out yoke of oxen and a stiff tongued wagon, when he considered himself pretty well fixed to do some farming. But they were not very speedy. Soon after they went to town "about 7 miles distant;" Mrs. Nichols was discouraged with the speed they were making and after riding a ways on their return, she got out and walked home and when John got there she had supper waiting for him. Not long after one of the yoke got into a buffalo wallow and drowned; later the other one died and John was broke again. This is the kind of ups and downs that were numerous through that section of country.

John W. was superintendent of the Sunday School. They came together on Sunday at their dug-outs, all bare-footed and very few with a whole hat, but they managed to have clothes to cover their bodies, regardless of style. They, nevertheless, had a good Sunday School and good attendance. They lived on their claim in summer time and in the winter they would move into the City of Coolidge, to send their children to school. They lived in their dug-out one winter, which was not a hillside dug-out, but it was dug down in level ground, and the rains at times would prove quite serious.

John had a job on the railroad as boiler washer, and they frequently sent him to other sections along the road to look after the company's interests, and at times was kept away from his family for weeks, and as John was a great friend of his family, liked to be with them. One time they sent

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him down to Ratoon, New Mexico, and he was not able to get home for nearly three months, but John was not idle in this time to look out for his own interests, and he started into business for himself in Ratoon. He held onto his position on the railroad as long as he could as it was a pretty good paying position, but he finally quit the railroad and attended to his second-hand and brokerage business, which proved to be a grand success, and he was doing the business of the town. Here is where he proved up his claim for his homestead, and he made such rapid strides that he had the largest establishment in the town, and they organized and bought him out. He thus had quite a stake ahead, so they concluded to take a trip through Indiana and Ohio, and intended to return to the place where he had met with such unbounded good success. But a proposition presented itself which caused them to change their mind and they bought the old Witwer homestead at Twin Lakes, Ind., which they still own and it is one of the finest fishing resorts of Northern Indiana. He cordially invites all to come and he will show them where to catch fish. He says come on and we will go fishing. He is at present living in the City of Plymouth, Ind., about four miles from the lakes. If you go there ask anybody for John Nichols; they all know him, everybody knows John and he knows everybody. That in itself speaks about as good of the man as could be said in a long chapter about him. He was assessor of the county for four years and he knows everybody and everybody knows him, and I do not think you would find any one but what is his friends. They are both ardent church members and do not claim any denomination, but wish to be Christians according as they understand the Bible. John is pretty well posted on the Bible, and he can talk scriptures or fishing or most any common subject, and I am sure he can entertain you.

JOHN WESLEY WITWER.

948. John Wesley Witwer married, March 1, 1876, in West Tp., Marshal Co., Ind., to Ellen Wickheiser, born August 26, 1857, at Lousey Point, Ind.; born to them were: 1432.

Hattie Dell Witwer, born January 6, 1877, at Twin Lakes, Marshal Co., Ind. 1433.

Robert Henry Witwer, born February 9, 1880, at Argos, Marshal Co., Ind. 1434.

Florence Louise Witwer, born July 12, 1882, at Argos, Marshal Co. 1435.

Myrley Eldridge Witwer, born March 10, 1884, at Ft. Wayne, Ind. 1436.

Maud Pearle Witwer, born January 5, 1887, at Ft. Wayne, Ind. 1437.

John Wesley Witwer, born February 1, 1857, in Summit County, O., removed with his parents to Marshal County, Ind., where he resided until after he was married to Ellen Wickheiser, on March 1, 1876, and their first child was born. In the spring of 1877 they moved over south of Wolf creek and from there they moved to LaFayette, Ind., in the middle of winter, into Brown's Hotel, at Wildcat cattle and stock yards, just east of LaFayette, Ind.; transfering and feeding stock and boarding the drovers. In the fall of 1879 they moved to near Argos, Ind., on a farm, feeding stock and making railroad ties. Here is where Robert H. Witwer was born, February 9, 1880. In the spring they moved to Cross Lanes; went

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to work on the Nickel Plate railroad, as bridge carpenter. In two months he was promoted to foreman of the bridge carpenter gang. In the summer of 1881 they moved to Argos, Ind., where their household effects, clothing and all burned, leaving them to start anew. They moved to the east side of the city. Here is where Florence Louise Witwer was born, July 12, 1882. In the fall they moved to Ft. Wayne, where John took a job as brakeman on the P. F. W. & C. R. W. On Christmas Eve, in looking back for red lights, he was struck by a batter post at the bridge at Valparaiso, Ind., cracking his skull, and he was unconscious for four days and nights. After getting over this accident he went to breaking again, but got a regular run and just thirty days after his return to work again, he had his right thumb mashed, which laid him up for three months more. He then went to fireing on the same road for six years and seven months in a straight stretch. "Here Myrley E. Witwer was born, March 10, 1883." He then went back to breaking again on the Nickel Plate railroad for about a year. During this time Maud Pearl Witwer was born, January 5, 1887.

From here he went to the P. F. W. & C. R. W. again in the fall of 1892, and fired till February 1, 1893, when they moved to Grand Crossing, in Chicago, Ill. He put up three large hotels for the World's Fair of Chicago, Ill. He then went to firing on the Calumet and Blue Island railroad, until the Illinois Steel Co. shut down for eleven months. He then went on the Rock Island railroad and moved to Blue Island, Ill., on October 9, 1893, and he fired on this road until he took sick on July 31, 1902, and as he never regained strength and ability to take up his work again he takes odd jobs of whatever carpenter work he can get to do when he is able to work.

AMANDA WITWER.

949. Amanda Witwer married, 1875, address, Mishawaka, Ind., to William Haney; born to them were: 1438.

Maggie Haney, born July 2, 1877, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1439.
Walter Haney, born Aug. 15, 1879, died 1880, in Marshal Co. 1440.
Fred Haney, born December 28, 1880, died 1880, Marshal Co. 1441.
Harley Haney, born January 12, 1884, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1442.

Amanda Witwer was born and brought up at Twin Lakes, Marshal Co., Ind. She was married to Wm. Haney, who was a farmer, and they worked hard, and Wm. Haney died. She soon married the second time, and as she thought, was getting a hearty, well-built man, six feet tall. She married Fred Greenberg on February, 24, 1895; born to them: 1443.
Charles Greenberg, born August 19, 1896, in Plymouth, Ind. 1444.
Wada Greenberg, born June 2, 1899, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1445.

They were in the restaurant business in Mishawaka, Ind., for a couple of years, then they sold out and bought the Windsor Hotel, in South Bend, Ind., and they ran that for several years, and they were prospering very finely. But they had an idea they could better themselves and sold this place and bought the hotel at New Carlisle, Ind. After running this for some time, they got several cases of small pox in their hotel, which closed their business. As Mr. Greenberg's health has been very poorly for several years, they are keeping boarders for a living. Address, Mishawaka, Ind.

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LUCINDA WITWER.

951. Lucinda Witwer married, September 24, 1882, to Jerry L. Ligget, born September 21, 1862; born to them were: 1446.

Walter Elias Ligget, born January 19, 1887, in Illinois. 1447.
Effie Elizabeth Ligget, born February 5, 1889. 1448.
Ralph Witwer Ligget, born October 7, 1892. 1449.
Infant son, born May 4, 1898, died same day. 1450.

Lucinda Witwer, born September 29, 1862, in West Township, Marshal County, Ind. Soon after they were married they moved to Illinois, and they worked on the farms by the year for some time, until they had saved money enough, then they bought themselves some farm implements and rented farms, and they prospered. They bought a farm in Missouri and were on their own farm for one or two seasons, but as they are used to the Sucker State, they did not like it and they rented their farm and moved to Illinois, where they rented a large farm, and are prospering and happy.

ELIZA REITER.

955. Eliza Reiter married, April 8, 1859, address, Kent, O., to William White; born to them were: 1451.

Rosa A. White, born August 6, 1860, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1452.
Simon P. White, born February 1, 1863, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1453.
William H. White, born April 7, 1865, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1454.
Alice White, born June 2, 1866, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1455.
Sarah A. White, born July 16, 1867, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1456.
Oren R. White, born May 7, 1869, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1457.
Charles A. White, born May 8, 1873, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1458.
Bertha M. White, born February 24, 1876, in Portage Co., Ohio. 1459.

Eliza Reiter, born November 5, 1843, in Lancaster Co., Pa., came with her parents to Summit Co., O., in 1844; lived with her parents until she got married, and then moved to Kent, O., and as far as I know has always lived there.

ABRAHAM REITER.

956. Abraham Reiter married, address, East Akron, O., to Mary Ann Ream; born to them were: 1460.

Harvey E. Reiter, born June 27, 1874, in Summit Co., O. 1461.
Jennie M. Reiter, born October 5, 1878, in Summit Co., O. 1462.
Iora E. Reiter, born January 29, 1880, in Summit Co., O. 1463.
Ida F. Reiter, born May 28, 1882, in Summit Co., O. 1464.
Clinton A. Reiter, born, 1884, died ———, in Summit Co., O. 1465.
Homer S. Reiter, born February 24, 1886, in Summit Co., O. 1466.

They are nice, quiet and respectable neighbors and good citizens.

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LYDIA REITER.

957. Lydia Reiter married, March 18, 1866, address, 1018 Yale St., Akron, O., to Jacob Goodenberger, born May 30, 1845; born to them were: 1467.

John W. Goodenberger, born May 2, 1867, Summit Co., O. 1468.
Charles H. Goodenberger, born October 9, 1869, Summit Co., O. 1469.
Edwin M. and Frank S. Goodenberger (twins), born Sept. 22, 1871, Summit Co., O. 1470 and 1471.
Clara A. Goodenberger, born January 28, 1875, Summit Co., O. 1472.
Almeda F. Goodenberger, born June 6, 1877, Summit Co., O. 1473.
Emma F. Goodenberger, born December 19, 1879, Summit Co., O. 1474.
Daniel E. Goodenberger, born October 19, 1882, Summit Co., O. 1475.

Lydia Reiter, born near the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, January, 15, 1847, married Mr. Jacob Goodenberger, March 18, 1866. After marriage they always lived not far away from the old neighborhood. But I know at the time their twins were born, that is in the year 1871, they lived in a house about two miles west of the southeast corner of Summit County, O. This house was built on the county line of Stark County and Summit County, O. The middle wall was on the county line and they slept in Stark County, and they ate their meals in Summit County. Thus the question arose where Mr. Jacob Goodenberger should be allowed to vote, and it took some able attorneys to decide the case as it was one of those cases where other circumstances had to be taken into consideration and the fact that they were sleeping in Stark County was a strong point to give him his vote in that county. But the attorneys of Summit County set up the claim as there was no door out of the bed room into Stark County, and that he had to trespass on Summit County ground to go to vote, and they would not allow him to trespass in Summit County, they found this point to prevail as there was no door of this house that was in Stark County, and that there were two doors opening into Summit County. Therefore, he was a resident of Summit County. Lydia is a fine woman beloved by all, a good neighbor, a fond mother, quiet in nature, and don't talk very much, unless she has something to say, so you can depend on what she does say. She resides now at 1018 Yale Street, Akron, O.

LEVI WITWER REITER.

958. Levi Witwer Reiter married, 1872, address, Canton, O., to Lydia Garman, born 1855; born to them were: 1476.

Minnie G. Reiter, born March 2, 1873, in Summit Co., O. 1477.
Irosin B. Reiter, born January 13, 1875, in Summit Co., O. 1478.
Purley M. Reiter, born May 14, 1876, in Summit Co., O. 1479.
Katie I. Reiter, born May 14, 1880, in Summit Co., O. 1480.
Harry L. Reiter, born February 5, 1882, in Canton, O. 1481.
Etta E. Reiter, born September 10, 1892, in Canton, O. 1482.

Harry L. Reiter enlisted into the United States regular army and for good behavior and efficient service has attained to the rank of first seargent, at Fort McHenry, at the Station at Baltimore, Md.

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Levi W. Reiter at first started out teaching school for one or two terms and after getting married he went to farming on the west 60 acres of the quarter section, in the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio. Here is an incident that I consider of interest and at the same time contains the solid truth: On one Sunday morning, (I do not know the date, but it must have been in June, at least we assembled there to spend the Sunday), it happened that three or four teams came and as Levi was out of hay and he had mowed just enough grass for his own horses he had to go and mow a little for our horses, and we all went along. When we came to the field Levi went along the fence looking for his whet stone which he was not able to find, when one of the men said, "Well, why don't you have a place for your things, so you could find them," and Levi said, "That is just exactly what I have got, I have a place for everything and everything at its place. But I have such a dickens of a time to remember the place."

Levi has ventured into a great many different things. When the Valley Railroad was built, Levi got the job of building the fence all along on both sides of the road, from Cleveland to Canton, and I do not remember, but think on down to Carrolton and Coshocton. After that he went down into Kentucky and built along on other roads, but failed, I believe, in getting all his money. He came back to Canton and worked at carpentering and contracting on a small scale, but he is too honest to make money at the contracting business. He has always had to work; is a fine and good fellow; address, 733, High Street, Canton, Ohio.

SAMUEL REITER.

959. Samuel Reiter married, March 1, 1877, to Susan Bishop, died April 15, 1892; born to them were: 1483.

Carrie May Reiter, born April 4, 1878, in Stark Co., O. 1484.
Frederick Lee Reiter, born September 17, 1880, in Stark Co., O. 1485.
Ada Frances Reiter, born 1882, died young, in Stark Co., O. 1486.
Vernie Edwin Reiter, born October 3, 1883, in Stark Co., O. 1487.
William Henry Reiter, born February 27, 1885, in Stark Co., O. 1488.
Susie Irene Reiter, born June, 1887, in Stark Co., O. 1489.
Earl Ray Reiter, born June 22, 1889, in Stark Co., O. 1490.
Benjamin Harrison Reiter, born February, 1890, in Stark Co., O. 1491.
Florence Ellen Reiter, born January, 1892, in Stark Co., O. 1492.

Samuel Reiter, born August 27, 1850, in Summit Co., O., always was of a quiet disposition, never had very much to say, but when he spoke, he generally said something. He was not bashful and among the young folks it seemed that he had the knack to say something that would create a good laugh at the proper time, droll and comical. His wife died in 1892. He is a widower and boards on South Cherry Street, Canton, O.

MARY ANN REITER.

961. Mary Ann Reiter married, November 30, 1873, address, Canton, Ohio., to Israel Schrantz; born to them were: 1493.

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Elta A. Schrantz, born July 9, 1874, in Stark Co., O. 1494.
Maggie L. Schantz, born October 7, 1876, in Stark Co., O. 1495.
Henry A. Schrantz, born March 28, 1879, in Stark Co., O. 1496.
Anna E. Schrantz, born April 16, 1881, in Stark Co., O. 1497.
Howard S. Schrantz, born May 7, 1890, in Stark Co., O. 1498.
Hilda M. Schrantz, born December 5, 1892, in Stark Co., O. 1499.

Mary Ann Reiter, born February 28, 1855, in Summit County, Ohio, always was a good girl to her mother, ever kind and considerate; married to Israel Schrantz, November 30, 1873, and they always lived in Stark County, at New Berlin. For some time and of late year they live in Canton, O., where Mr. Schrantz is following stone mason and brick laying work.

LOUISA REITER.

962. Louisa Reiter married, December 17, 1875, to John W. Garman; born to them were: 1500.

Amanda Garman, born December 18, 1876, in Stark Co., O. 1501.
William Garman, born March 10, 1878, in Stark Co., O. 1502.
Maggie Garman, born March 16, 1881, in Stark Co., O. 1503.
Henry Garman, born August 31, 1889, in Stark Co., O. 1504.
Franklin A. Garman, born December 9, 1893, in Stark Co., O. 1505.
Emma Garman, born April 6, 1897, in Stark Co., O. 1506.

DANIEL REITER.

963. Daniel Reiter married to Emma Bough, born December 18, 1861—no issue. 1507.

MANIAS REITER.

964. Manias Reiter married, January 18, 1885, to Ellen N. Young; born to them was: 1508.

Esta Mabel Reiter, born November 8, 1885. 1509.

Manias Reiter, born July 5, 1861, in Summit Co., O., has always lived in and close to the old neighborhood, apparently satisfied with that part of the country as being as good as any, and I will concede with him that he is right. But whether he has gathered more moss than I have, "as I am a rolling stone," I will let our backs tell the story. Manias is quite up-to-date and doing. He is the president of the "Witwer and Reiter Reunion, which is held annually at Highland Park, near Greentown, O., at Aulman, O., between Canton and Akron, about half way. This reunion is held the first Saturday of August each year and the relatives of all Witwers are earnestly invited to be present at this reunion whenever they possibly can." Manias Reiter is highly respected, a fine man and a good citizen; he resides in New Berlin, O., and works at the Hoover factory there.

AARON REITER.

965. Aaron Reiter married, February 20, 1891, to Alice Strausser; born to them were: 1510.

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Alvin L. Reiter, born November 3, 1891, in Stark Co., O. 1511.
Marion Reiter, born April 13, 1894, in Stark Co., O. 1512.
Mabel L. Reiter, born November 29, 1896. in Stark Co., O. 1513.

Aaron Reiter always lived around the old neighborhood. He was killed some years ago, but I have not got the details of it, and therefore cannot give it to the relatives.

PHYANNA WITWER.

967. Phyanna Witwer married, August 31, 1869, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Silas H. Fisher, born April 13, 1846; born to them were: 1514.

Ada M. Fisher, born July 23, 1870, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1515.
Emma Fisher, born February 2, 1873, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1516.
Elmer Fisher, born November 3, 1874, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1517.
Bertha Fisher, born December 20, 1879, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1518.
Royal Fisher, born January 28, 1882, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1519.

Second marriage to Jacob N. Winger, born Nov. 28, 1845. 1520.

Phyanna, called Anna, Witwer, born August 29, 1845, in (in I do not know exactly, but think) Stark Co., O., removed with her parents to St. Joseph Co., Ind. She married Silas H. Fisher, a carpenter, and they lived in Elkhart, Ind. He died some years ago and she married the second time to Jocob N. Winger, in 1908. She is a noble woman always lively and pleasant and has a good word for everybody; as happy as a sunflower. She had a good deal of that happy spirit of her noble mother. They reside in Elkhart, Ind.; their address the same.

ELIZABETH WITWER.

969. Elizabeth Witwer married, February 7, 1869, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Samuel Thornton, born September 16, 1841; born to them were: 1521.

Wesley M. Thornton, born January 5, 1873, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1522.
Oliver H. Thornton, born October 29, 1876, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1523.
Lillie M. Thornton, born April 21, 1880, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1524.
Lloyd E. Thornton, born January 28, 1882, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1525.

Elizabeth Witwer, who is always called "Lib," was born on October 2, 1848, in Stark County, Ohio; removed with her parents to St. Joseph County, Ind., in the year of 1861. I remember just a short time before they moved away I was at their house and Anna then was tall and slender while Lib was not so tall, but heavy set, and she talked so kind and pleasant to me and she called me a "nix nuts." I have often thought since she was right. Well, she is still the same Lib. Now the old saying is "fat and sassy," but with her I think it is different and is "fat and jolly." I know that it suits her best. But the whole family take after their mother in that she was exceptionally cheerful and happy natured, no matter what happened, it might have been worse and she would unfold the bright side of it. Thus it is with Lib, good natured and happy. But then, I do also believe that if she would get angry at you she would be able to call you down to

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a finish, and I hope that I will not have her get fire in her eye at me—so I will now draw this to a close, or I might get in the position of the "Pol Parrot," who went to sick the dog on the cat and the dog got after the parrot, and when the scrimmage was over, the feathers of "Pol" were standing in all directions. "Poll" looked down over herself and said the trouble with me is that I talk too much." Lib got married to Samuel Thornton. Now there is a man that I also admire and I would call him one of God's most noble men and I would call both of them exceptionally good, pleasant and influential neighbors, highly respected and worthy citizens. Their address is Elkhart, Ind.

SIMON E. WITWER.

972. Simon E. Witwer married, September 19, 1878, to Emma Hoover, born February 1, 1859; born to them were: 1526.

Edith B. Witwer, born December 10, 1880. 1527.
Reginald Witwer, born October 18, 1908. 1528.

Simon E. Witwer, born October 10, 1853, in the Buckeye State, and not so very far from the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, and removed from there with his parents to St. Joseph County, Ind., and before he reached his majority, that is, before he was 21 years old, he was teaching school and he has been teaching ever since. He is highly respected and a noble, good citizen; resides at Pokagon, Mich.

MARGARETTE WITWER.

973. Margarette Witwer married, September 26, 1875, to Henry Ross, born January 7, 1853; born to them were: 1529.

Vertel Ross, born Dec. 30, 1876, married John Fancil, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1530.
Matie Ross, born July 2, 1881, married Roy Lloyd, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1531.

Margarette Witwer, born October 26, 1855, in Summit Co., Ohio; moved with her parents to St. Joseph Co., Ind., in the year 1861, where she resided and attended school and helped her beloved mother until on September 26, 1875, when she united in marriage with Henry Ross. They lived in St. Joseph Co., Ind., for some years. "Mag." as she is generally called, is a very fine and always pleasant woman, and like the mother and all of the family, is always cheerful and pleasant. She now resides in Elkhart, Ind. She is one of our best workers at our annual reunion, and if you will come to our reunion you will be sure to see her smiling countenance cheerful and happy always, and I am sure she will bid you welcome among us.

JOSEPH WITWER.

974. Joseph Witwer married to Sarrah Ligget; he died September 3, 1881; no issue. 1532.

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Joseph Witwer, born February 24, 1857, in Summit County, Ohio, removed with his parents to St. Joseph Co., Ind., in the year 1861, attended public school and assisted his parents on the farm, and as he was such a great friend of music and an exceptional good singer, he taught singing school and had very good success in having plenty of scholars. He also was quite proficient on the organ, and was a great worker in their church. But he was called away very early in life. He died September 3, 1881, aged 24 years, 5 months and 10 days, leaving a wife, father, mother, three brothers and five sisters, and many friends to mourn their loss.

JOHN BRENTON WITWER.

975. John Brenton Witwer married, May 29, 1884, to Mary E. Metzger, born February 14, 1865; born to them were: 1533.

Noel Ellis and Joyce Alice Witwer (twins), born May 12, 1886, St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1534 and 1535.

Rolland Witwer, born March 3, 1889, St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1536.

John Brenton Witwer, born December 23, 1859, in Summit County, Ohio, removed to St. Joseph County, Ind., in the year 1861; attended common school near North Liberty, and assisted his parents on the farm until the year 1876, when he attended the Indiana Normal School, at Valparaiso, during the years 1877, '78 and '79; teaching in the winter to gain means to attend school in summer. By economical management, at the age of 21 years he had saved enough money to purchase a half interest in a drug store in the town of Walkerton, Ind. The firm was known as Woodworth & Witwer. John Brenton supposed everybody to be like himself—honest, but his confidence was abused. He remained in the drug business just about six months, until November, 1880, when the firm sold out. He then went on a visit to the country of his birth, the grand old Buckeye State. He was offered a school which he accepted and the position succeeded so well that he remained for seventeen months in the land which to him flowed with milk and honey. In the spring of 1883 he arrived home again, at North Liberty, Ind., shaking hands with many friends.

He, however, still engaged in teaching and moved to Harris Prairie, in St. Joseph County, Ind., where he resided for several years and took up the nursery business, selling nurseries through the summer season and after school hours and succeeded so well that he bought five acres of land along the street car line between Mishawaka and South Bend, Ind., in what is now known as River Park. This proved to be a boon to him, a profitable investment, or a streak of luck. He built himself a nice and commodious house and other out buildings to meet his wants on this land and planted it full of nurseries of all different kinds and varities. Ever kept forging ahead, meeting with such grand success that the cities on both sides of him were of such thriving tendencies, everything was coming his way, and he was shrewd enough to foresee that unless he got a hustle on himself one or the other of the cities would swallow him up and take him into their fold.

Consequently he approached his neighbors and they called a town meeting, and he explained the situation to them and they at once took the proper course to incorporate the town of River Park. As the people were build-

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ing houses on all sides and the town now incorporated, John B., with four others formed the River Park Land and Improvement Company, and they bought 25 acres of land, platted it and sold out in a very short time, with an investment of $500.00 each, they cleared over $40,000 for their corporation. Thereupon they bought another but larger farm and platted that with several others and they were taking in money by the thousands. At the same time John kept on selling nurseries. He was doing a land office business, and the money was rolling in to him. But as they say, "all roads have a turn," and his fine residence caught fire and burned up all into ashes; there was nothing left of it and there was but very little of the household saved. nor was there but a very small amount of insurance on it. But he rebuilt and more commodious than ever. He now has all the latest improvements and style, in short, he has a grand residence. Then the financial depression of 1907 caught him and he says he is land poor. I told him if he has too much to deed some of it to me, I can make use of it.

Why John Brenton Witwer is not a Farmer.

John B. Witwer, son of Jonathan and Christena Witwer, at the age of two years came with his parents to St. Joseph County, Indiana, and located on a farm in the Smith Settlement, or near the "Dutch Church," which is known by the same name to this day, and is near Elkhart, Indiana. J. B. was a mischievous, culy headed lad, and noted for his benevolence. One day two ladies were driving along the road and passed J. B., when one of then asked him for a "curl." He said, "all right," and the lady took her shears and cut a specimen. That curl was handed back to J. B. when he was about 30 years of age. He always liked to go to school and at the age of nine he could read and spell as well as most boys twice his size and age. One instance in school—when one of the large boys, reading in the fifth reader, got stuck on a word and J. B., sitting on a small bench near, prompted him so loudly that the teacher heard him and made J. B. go to the class and read the entire paragraph, which he did without an error. They said the laugh was on the big boy. At the age of fifteen, it was decided that J. B. should become a farmer. His older brothers were away from home. Simon was attending school at Prof. Hallick's academy in North Liberty, and Joseph was working at carpenter work. Up to this time J. B. was not needed to do any work with the team, but was required to assist in the house work and do chores.

J. B.'s father was a good farmer. He had one way to do the work and that was the right way, and was difficult for J. B. to do, and do it as well as his father. Consequently his father was disgusted with J. B.'s efforts, and J. B. was disgusted with farming. The next year Brother Joe, an ideal farmer, came home, and J. B., contrary to the anticipations of his father, hired out to David Weaver, on a farm only one-half mile from home, for $18.00 per month and board and washing.

His first day's work for Weaver I will give in his own words: "I will never forget to my last day, I was Johnny-on-the-spot early in the morning and Weaver asked me to bridle one of the mules. I got to the mule's head with the bridle; evidently the mule did not desire my acquaintance, and pulled back on the halter until it broke and he ran out of the barn and around

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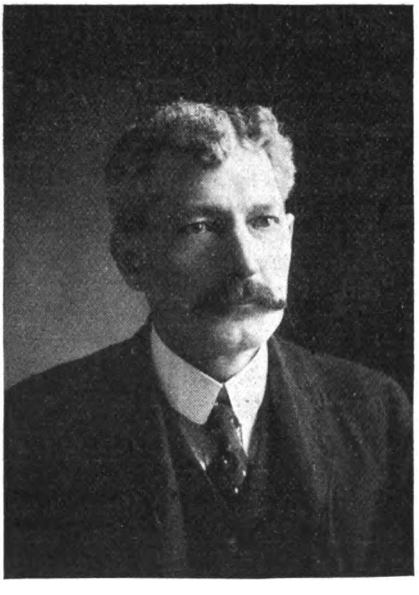

JOHN BRENTON WITWER
RIVER PARK, IND.

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the field. In an hour or less Mr. Weaver and I had corralled the mule and got him back into the stable. Mr. Weaver then bridled him and brought him out, handing me the hitch strap, asked me to hold him while he bridled the other mule. I took the strap, the mule began backing and circling and started a game of 'crack the whip.' I was considered a good athlete, having seen the Hamilton show, and having practiced some on the trapeze and turning pole, but I never before had any practice in a planetary system with a mule for the center of gravity. The result was I got out of my 'orbit' and rolled over numberless times on 'terra firma.' By the time I got to a perpendicular position the mule was out in the field grazing. By that time Mr. Weaver appeared with the other mule; but the next thing was to get the mule again. After much effort both mules were hitched to the plow, and I was a hero until the mules thought it was time for dinner. I tugged and pulled until the line broke. The noted mule would not let me close enough to repair the line, and rather than commit suicide or murder I followed the mules home—plow and all—and Mr. Weaver kindly made the repairs and sent us back to our plowing. I wish I had the space to tell how the mules took Mr. Weaver to church when he wanted to go to town, and how I marked out corn ground with those mules, but suffice it to say, that Mr. Weaver soon traded the mules for a span of horses, and we got along fine. My four months were up on the fourth day of August, and I received $70.00, having spent $2.00 for overalls and shirts. Every Sunday and spare moments found me at work on my books, and the 28th of August found me at Valparaiso, at the Northern Indiana Normal School. I usually taught school in winter and attended school in summer. I enjoyed teaching better than farming, hence I taught school for twelve years.

'I broke the chain of teaching at one time and bought one-half interest in a drug store in the town of Walkerton, Ind. Father wanted me to be a preacher. I concluded to be a doctor, and the drug business was to defray my expenses through college, but the partnership was a failure. I became disgusted with the medical fraternity, sold out and returned to the land of my birth for a visit, but soon was in the school again. After seventeen months in the Buckeye State I returned to the Hoosier State. At the age of twenty-three I was united in marriage, May 29, 1884, to Mary E. Metzger, only daughter of John B. and Henrietta 'Faller' Metzger, of Harris Prairie, Ind., who have an ideal residence and country home. Mary E. attended St. Mary's Academy, devoting much time to music. We were blessed with three children, two sons, one daughter. The oldest are twins, Ellis N. and Alice J.; the youngest, J. Rolland. They are an honor to their parents, exemplary young men and woman."

John B. united with the Christian Church at Harris Prairie, when 21 years of age; his wife affiliated with the same church soon after their marriage, and the three children have recently united with the Christian Church at South Bend, Ind. Thus their unbroken family are all serving the Master in the same home, in unity and love.

Ellis N. was united in marriage June 28, 1909, to Helen Grace Robinson, of South Bend, Ind. During their engagement they were buried with Christ in baptism, the same hour; thus they are one in Christ and one in marriage.

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In the year 1890 John B. bought a small tract of land between Mishawaka and South Bend; established a home nursery; his business with push and energy prospered until real estate presented good opportunities. He availed himself of acreage, forming the River Park Land and Improvement Co., Incorporated. They have 170 acres inside of the corporate limits, and John B. Witwer has been an important factor in transforming this rural district into an incorporated town of more than 1500 population. Their schools, churches, stores and factories, government and improvements have received some aid or council from John Brenton Witwer, the pioneer of River Park, Ind.

LUCY FRANCIS WITWER.

978. Lucy Francis Witwer married, October 21, 1883, to Richard Roderick, born October 20, 1863; born to them were: 1537.

Maud Roderick, born 1884, died 1884, in Chicago. 1538.
Fred Roderick, born February 25, 1885, in Chicago. 1539.
Floyd Roderick, born October 18, 1886, in Chicago. 1540.
Jay Roderick, born September 14, 1888, in Chicago. 1541.
John Roderick, born January 13, 1890, died 1890, in Chicago. 1542.
Clyde Roderick, born March 3, 1891, in Chicago. 1543.
Victor Roderick, born March 29, 1893, died 1894, in Chicago. 1544.
Alice Roderick, born December 18, 1894, in Chicago. 1545.
Charlie Roderick, born September 24, 1897, in Chicago. 1546.
Eva Roderick, born November 26, 1902, died 1906, in Chicago. 1547.
Ruth Roderick, born December 21, 1904, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1548.

Lucy Francis Witwer, born February 5, 1864, in St. Joseph County, Ind., resided with her parents until she was married to Richard Roderick, October 21, 1883, when they moved to the town of Walkerton, Ind., where they resided for a year or more, then they moved up to Cadillac, Mich., where they resided for a while. But again found a change was necessary as his work of painting and paper hanging led him from place to place, and they soon found it necessary again to move. This time they moved up to Wexford County, Mich., for some time. But as the work did not hold out they resolved to move back to near the old home, near North Liberty, Ind. But found they could not progress here, so they soon moved to Chicago, Ill, where he followed contracting in painting and paper hanging, where he prospered quite fairly for some time, and lived there for a time. But in 1900 they moved to River Park, Ind., where he follows plastering, cement work and a little painting, and such other jobs that he is able to do, as he is very badly crippled, has been for some years now and he is not able to do all kinds of work that he used to do. He cannot paint overhead or hang paper on ceilings on account of being crippled in the shoulders. He cannot work overhead at anything and is therefore hadicapped from following his usual vocation.

Lucy Witwer Roderick is a member of the Saints. They meet in residences among their members. They have no church edifices, but have their annual meetings in tents. They do not believe in churches or church edifices.

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CHARLES L. WITWER.

979. Charles L. Witwer married, October 31, 1889, address, River Park, Ind., to Anna Finch, born January 22, 1868, died 1892; born to them were: 1549.

Paul Witwer, born January 10, 1891, died 1892, St. Joseph Co. 1550.

Second marriage to Clara V. McDaniel, born October 31, 1874; second marriage on January 1, 1895; born to them were: 1551.

Carl Osborn Witwer, born June 29, 1896, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1552.
Vera Pearl Witwer, born May 12, 1898, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1553.
Arthur Jerald Witwer, born March 27, 1900, in St. Joseph Co. 1554.

Charles L. Witwer was born June 2, 1886, near the old "Dutch Church," in Harris Township, St. Joseph County, Ind., but in 1868 his parents moved with him to near North Liberty, in Liberty Township, of the same county, where he was brought up and received a good common school education, and united in marriage to Anna Finch, on October 31, 1889. They moved about two miles west of his old home, where he was brought up. Here their child, Paul Witwer was born on January 10, 1891, and the mother and wife died on December 26, 1891. Charles L. then moved back to the old home again and here on May 11, 1892, his child also died and he lived here on the old home place,farming. On January 1, 1895, he united in marriage with Clara V. Daniel, and until 1900 was farming. When they sold out and moved to River Park, where he followed carpenter work for the first summer, when he secured a position in the Mishawaka Woolen Mills Co. Works, making rubber boots, which he is still following. He is an exemplary fine man, a noble good Christian and sincere worker in the Christian Church.

MATIE WITWER.

981. Matie Witwer married (did not get record), address, Plymouth, Ind., to Ulysses S. Lemmert; born to them were: 1555.

Ray Lemmert, born about 1891, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1556.
Bessie Lemmert, born about 1893, in St. Joseph County, Ind. 1557.
Myron Lemmert, born about 1894, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1558.
Mildred Lemmert, born about 1896, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 1559.
Loren Lemmert, born about 1897, in St. Joseph Co., Ind. 2245.

Mr. U. S. Lemmert was a railroad switchman, and was working for the Standard Oil Company at Whiting, where he lost his one arm. He then moved to Tyner, where he bought, sold and traded horses, but sold out and went into the butcher business; sold that, then he tried the nursery business and farming for a couple of years; sold out, went to Plymouth and is running sales stables and auto delivery; has the largest sales stables in the northern part of Indiana, and is doing an immense business.

JEFFERSON WINFIELD WITWER.

984. Jefferson Winfield Witwer married, April 20, 1873, address, Casey, Ill., to Lydia Ann Tharpe, born April 14, 1854, died April 24, 1881; born to them were: 1560.

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Mary Agnes Witwer, born May 31, 1874, in Clark Co., Ill. 1561.
Charles William Witwer, born August 31, 1875, in Clark Co., Ill. 1562.
Henry T. Witwer, born February 27, 1878, in Clark Co., Ill. 1563.
Rufus Winfield Witwer, born February 4, 1880, in Clark Co., Ill. 1564.

Second wife, Emily Ann Walls, born April 3, 1857, in Clark Co., Ill., married in 1882, died August 3, 1895; born to them were: 1565.

Thomas Jefferson Witwer, born January 27, 1883, in Clark Co., Ill. 1566.
Celia Olive Witwer, born September 17, 1884, in Clark Co., Ill. 1567.
Rupert Witwer, born May 31, 1886, died 1886, in Clark Co., Ill. 1568.
Edith Lyle Witwer, born Aug. 31, 1888, died 1888, Clark Co., Ill. 1569.
Walter Raymond Witwer, born July 15, 1892, in Clark Co., Ill. 1570.
Infant, born August 2, 1895, died 1895, in Clark Co., Ill. 1571.

Third wife, Laura Ann Louden, born March 21, 1860; born to them were: 1572.

Gracia May Witwer, born May 27, 1898, in Clark Co., Ill. 1573.
Lucy Mabel Witwer, born November 19, 1900, in Clark Co., Ill. 1574.
Homer J. Witwer, born January 30, 1903, in Clark Co., Ill. 1575.
Dorotha Pearle Witwer, born May 31, 1906, in Clark Co., Ill. 1576.

Jefferson Winfield Witwer, born February 24, 1852, at Canton, O., removed to Casey, Ill., and as I cannot get the information asked for from them and my acquaintance with them so slight that I cannot give any details, which I regret very much. So far as I have learned from Jeff., he is a very hard working man; is farming and owns a nice little farm near Casey, Illinois, in Clark County; has built himself a new house lately and is financially in fairly good circumstances and is progressing. He is a good neighbor, respected, influential, sober and industrious, a very good citizen.

NANCY AGNESS WITWER.

985. Nancy Agness Witwer married to Richard Kitchen; born to them were: 1577.

Bertie O. Kitchen, 1578; infant daughter, 1579. (Records were not answered, so I am not able to give record, more than to say that they are respected neighbors and good citizens.)

ELIZABETH WITWER.

988. Elizabeth Witwer married to Frank Sayles; no issue; no record. 1580.

SAMUEL OLIVER WITWER.

989. Samuel Oliver Witwer married, October 1, 1882, at Coffeyville, Kans., to Mary Mace, born April 18, 1869; born to them were: 1581.

Cora Witwer, born August 14, 1884, at Coffeyville, Kans. 1582.
Dean Witwer, born October 6, 1886, died 1908, Coffeyville, Kans. 1583.
Bessie Witwer, born February 10, 1888, at Coffeyville, Kans. 1584.
Pearl Witwer, born Sept. 1889, died 1890, at Coffeyville, Kans. 1585.

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Samuel O. Witwer, born in Canton, O., October 28, 1862, moved with his parents to Illinois; was married and resides now near Coffeyville, Kans., where he has a nice farm and is in fairly comfortable circumstances; a good neighbor, respectable and worthy citizen.

JOHN MISHLER WITWER.

990. John Mishler Witwer married, December 11, 1888, to Mary Dunn; born to them were: 1586.

Samuel H. Witwer, born November 2, 1889, in Ill. or Kans. 1587.
Olie May Witwer, born September 18, 1891 (do not know). 1588.
Grace Adella Witwer, born July 2, 1894, (do not know). 1589.
Sherman Leroy Witwer, born September 18, 1896, (do not know). 1590.
Cecil Birdella Witwer, born September 3, 1901, (do not know). 1591.

As I am not personally acquainted, can give no history.

EMMA WITWER.

991. Emma Witwer married, April 29, 1890, address, Coffeyville, Kans., to William A. Marshall; born to them were: 1592.

Fred Marshall, born April 16, 1891, at Coffeyville, Kans. 1593.
Otto Marshall, born January 16, 1893, at Coffeyville, Kans. 1594.

Cousin Emma sent me considerable information, but I did not receive her history.

ELIZABETH GOOD.

993. Elizabeth Good married, August 8, 1867, address, New Berlin, Ohio, to Wellington Clouser, born 1840; born to them were: 1595.

Dilla A. Clouser, born April 16, 1868, in Stark Co., O. 1596.
William Clouser, born January 11, 1870, in Stark Co., O. 1597.
J. Riley Clouser, born January 3, 1873, in Stark Co., O. 1598.
Albert Clouser, born May 2, 1875, in Stark Co., O. 1599.
Harrietta Clouser, born August 11, 1877, in Stark Co., O. 1600.
Emmon Clouser, born December 20, 1879, in Stark Co., O. 1601.
Charles Clouser, born October 23, 1883, in Stark Co., O. 1602.
Maggie Clouser, born December 29, 1885, in Stark Co., O. 1603.
Martha Clouser, born May 2, 1889, died 1889, in Stark Co., O. 1604.

Elizabeth Good, born December 22, 1843, in Lancaster County, Pa., moved with her parents to Stark County, Ohio, in 1848; lived in Stark County, near Zion Church, and assisted her parents on the farm, and, as her father, Abraham Good, used to say, that his boys were all girls, they had to help him in the fields, and I saw them many times in the fields making their hand. I remember one harvest that Uncle Abraham Good was doing his farm work with the assistance of a small boy. I have been trying to recall the name, but it is lost to me, but the boy was about 13 or 14 years old. and his "girl" boys. Especially do I remember that we harvested the wheat in the field at the church yard of Mount Zion Church, and Uncle Abraham

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divided the stations into seven stations, where the rule was to have four stations for full hands to bind after the reaper, and his "girl" boys—three, his hired boy, myself and another neighbors boy and an old man were doing the binding. I remember so well how he was driving his horses nearly in a trot trying to catch us, and how determined all were not to let him do it. As I was the youngest of the bunch, it was a little nip and tug for me, and I am sure I worked harder that day than I had ever done before, and Elizabeth (we always called her Liz.) was quite fleshy, which made her perspire freely and the clothes stuck to her so that in the middle of the afternoon her waist, or sack, whichever it is called, burst open on the back, and she got horribly sun burned. Where are the farmer's daughters now days that would stick for something like that? Well, Abe Good's boys—Liz., Louise and Rachael—did, and they were hearty, lively, good, respectable and refined girls, and they made most excellent women. They knew how to keep house as well as farm.

Elizabeth was united in marriage with Wellington Clouser, August 8, 1867. Wellington Clouser enlisted in the cavalry service in 1861 and served under McDowell and Burnside, and saw service at South Mountain, Antietam and Bull Run. He served to the close of the war—four years' service. Soon after he united in marriage. They farmed until 1899, when they moved to New Berlin, O.,where he has worked in the Hoover saddlery factory ever since. Elizabeth Good Clouser died on January 19, 1895, aged 51 years, 10 months and 3 days. She was a noble woman, highly respected, fine neighbor and good citizen.

LOUISA GOOD.

994. Louisa Good married, November 12, 1865, in Stark Co., O., to Samuel Shaeffer, born June 20, 1846, in Summit Co., O.; born to them were: 1605.

Nettie M. Shaeffer, born July 2, 1867, in Stark Co., O. 1606.
Harvey G. Shaeffer, born March 27, 1870, in Stark Co., O. 1607.
Jennie E. Shaeffer, born December 11, 1874, in Stark Co., O. 1608.
Carrie I. Shaeffer, born August 18, 1878, in Stark Co., O. 1609.
Minnie B. Shaeffer, born October 5, 1881, in Stark Co., O. 1610.
Annie S. Shaeffer, born August 25, 1884, in Stark Co., O. 1611.
Jessie F. Shaeffer, born March 4, 1888, in Summit Co., O. 1612.
Presley S. Shaeffer, born March 12, 1890, in Summit Co., O. 1613.

Louisa Good was born November 24, 1845, in Lancaster County, Pa.; removed to Stark County, Ohio, with her parents in 1848, where she assisted her parents on the farm, and as I have mentioned in her older sister's history, she was one of Abraham Good's good boys, being he had no boys only his "girl" boys. They therefore did their just share of the work. Although they worked hard, I do not know that Uncle Abraham mistreated them, ever seemed to treat them with the respect which was due them, because the Good girls were *good* girls, and because they were required to do a boy's work is no disrespect to either one for they all worked together, cheerfully and peaceably. On November 12, 1865, she united herself by matrimonial promise to Samuel Shaeffer and they ever seemed to get along happily. They

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are farming and always have lived on a farm, near the old neighborhood, as good respectable and honorable citizens. They now reside at Lake, Ohio.

RACHAEL GOOD.

995. Rachael Good married, February 7, 1867, in Stark Co., O., to Henry Stoner, born February 7, 1839; born to them were: 1614.
Elmer Elsworth Stoner, single, born Nov. 5, 1869, Stark Co., O. 1615.
Irwin Henry Stoner, single, born Nov. 7, 1871, in Stark Co., O. 1616.
Infant, born January 11, 1874, died ———, in Stark Co., O. 1617.
Lora Elizabeth Stoner, born October 16, 1875, in Stark Co., O. 1618.
Pearle Stoner, born December 20, 1878, died 1879, Stark Co., O. 1619.
Infant, born July 26, 1880, died 1880, in Stark Co., O. 1620.
Mary Olive Stoner, born May 16, 1882, in Stark Co., O. 1621.
Charles M. Stoner, born August 20, 1884, died 1884, Stark Co., O. 1622.
Bertha May Stoner, born July 3, 1885, in Stark Co., O. 1623.
Esta Anna Stoner, single, born September 2, 1888, Stark Co., O. 1624.

Rachael Good was born July 30, 1848, in Stark County, Ohio. She was the youngest of Abraham Good's "girl" boys, but I will promise you she was not the least. She was a Buckeye, hearty, strong, robust, and I believe the out door work she did proves that it was healthy, and if I mistake not, she was the heartiest of the three, and I wish you readers of this article to know that it is not with any degree of disrespect to either one. This is the way I looked at it: Uncle Abe, as we always called him, was in need of help and rather than have his girls go away to work in some one's kitchen and he hire a man to help him, was a matter of great consideration, and he with kindness to look at the interests of his family kept them together and they worked together harmoniously, and they prospered, and I will add here that they prospered so well that in a very short time after Uncle Abe's "girl" boys got married he bought himself another little farm, moved on it and rented the other; and, further, when Uncle Abe got some boys, (I now have reference to his sons, John B. and Samuel W. Good) Uncle Abe was so well off that his sons could go to school and get a good education. And I wish to admonish them that they owe the respect to their older sisters for this and here say, John and Sam., you owe to your "girl" boy or "boy" girl sisters the greatest of respect and the very kindest of treatment, in that they have made it possible for you to get an early training and good education to start in life, for to them is the praise, and to your father and worthy and respected mother's economy and foresight and progressiveness.

Rachael united in marriage with Henry Stoner, February 7, 1867. Henry Stoner enlisted into Company A. and 19th Regiment, O. V. I., on September 14, 1861, under Gen. Buell., and went with the regiment through Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. He was in the battle of Pittsburg Landing and Corinth. Then owing to great exposure he took sick and was discharged for disability, October 4, 1862. He re-enlisted at New Berlin, O., in 1863, into Company E, 45th Regiment Ohio National Guards, serving as corporal; transferred with the regiment (to be known), into the 162nd O. V. I. and served until the close of the war when he was discharged with his regiment. After this and the marriage to Rachael Good they farmed until in the spring of 1909, when they moved into New Berlin, O.,

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to try city life for a time at least. They are worhty and respected neighbors and good citizens.

JOANNA GOOD.

998. Joanna Good married, March 3, 1874, address, Barberton, O., to James Christopher, of Millersburg, O.; born to them were: 1625.

Arthur D. Christopher, born June 14, 1875, in New Berlin, O. 1626.
Lillie May Christopher, born April 27, 1877, in New Berlin, O. 1627.
Annie Marie Christopher, born May 7, 1879, in New Berlin, O. 1628.
Daisy Alice Christopher, born September 29, 1881, Millerburg, O. 1629.
James Blaine Christopher, born May 8, 1883, d. 1885, Millerburg. 1630.
Zetta Pearle Christopher, born August 18, 1886, in Ada, O. 1631.
Grace Naoma Christopher, born November 29, 1889, in Ada, O. 1632.
John B. Christopher, born March 29, 1893, in Ada, O. 1633.
Hellen Elizabeth Christopher, born July 16, 1897, in Ada, O. 1634.

Joanna Good, born December 5, 1855, in Stark County, Ohio, went to the same school and the same classes with me; was a good, nice and respected girl, honorable and a perfect lady. When she got married they moved to Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio. I have not met her since, and I have received but one letter from her. She now resides at 147 Frederick Street, Barberton, Ohio.

CATHERINE GOOD.

999. Catherine Good married, 1876, address, New Berlin, O., to John Schrantz, born September 18, 1854; born to them were: 1635.

Olivia Schrantz, born February 19, 1877, in Stark Co., O. 1636.
Ira Schrantz, born October 9, 1878, died 1888, in Stark Co., O. 1637.
Pearle Schrantz, born March 23, 1881, in Stark Co., O. 1638.
Grover Cleveland Schrantz, born December 4, 1884, Stark Co., O. 1639.
Florence Schrantz, born February 20, 1889, in Stark Co., O. 1640.
Claude Schrantz, born August 17, 1895, in Stark Co., O. 1641.

Catherine Good, born May 10, 1858, at Mount Zion, in Stark County, Ohio, went to school at the Mount Zion school; received a good common school education; always an honorable, upright, respectable, good girl. She united in marriage with John Schrantz, a noble fellow, who was one of the boys in our neighborhood around Zion Church vicinity and the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, and in Stark County, adjoining, which district was always noted for the hearty enjoyment of its inhabitants and especially the young folks. It always was a great place for spelling schools, singing schools, apple schnitzings, and gatherings of various kinds and descriptions. To go shooting New Years was an annual pastime, when we would gather them all into one company to go out merry making, and the people of the whole surrounding country would be looking for us.

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To help us to initiate good cheer,
With the fellowship of kind neighbors,
The young folks and old folks all so dear
To the hearts of fond fathers and mothers.
We would try hard to deafen the ear
Of the adoring, fond sisters and brothers,
That they might learn to regard and revere,
The great goodness and kindness of others.
That New Year comes but once each year,
And should be regarded with reverence and candor,
To promote all good things done, and declare
All lewd things a nuisance and useless slander.
Try to improve the next year to come,
In a way more honorably fitting and good,
By doing those things that were well done,
Refrain from doing things unless in your livelihood.

—*Author, A. C. Witwer.*

John and Catherine Schrantz live in Mount Pleasant, having partly retired from farming, which they have been following all their lives. Their postoffice address is at New Berlin, O. They are highly respected, in high social standing, good neighbors and citizens.

JOHN B. GOOD.

1002. John B. Good married, February 22, 1885, address, New Berlin, O., to Catherine Holl; born to them were: 1642.

Ellis V. Good, born September 17, 1887, in Stark Co., O. 1643.
Raymond I. Good, born December 25, 1890, in Stark Co., O. 1644.
Sallie E. Good, born April 11, 1900, in Stark Co., O. 1645.

John B. Good, born June 30, 1863, in Stark County, Ohio, went to school at Zion Hill school and received a good common school education. He is a farmer and carpenter and resides near the Zion Church, and near the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio. They are very highly respected citizens and good neighbors. Their address is New Berlin, Ohio.

SAMUEL W. GOOD.

1003. Samuel W. Good married, April 17, 1892, New Berlin, O., to Etta Holl; born to them were: 1646.

Chester H. Good, born January 23, 1893, in Stark Co., O. 1647.
Edna C. Good, born January 8, 1901, in Stark Co., O. 1648.
William A. Good, born November 27, 1903, in Stark Co., O. 1649.

Samuel W. Good, born March 3, 1866, in Stark County, Ohio, near Mount Zion Church, received a good education and taught school for several terms and to him is due a great deal of praise in assisting in collecting data and records at the time when the Rev. George Witwer, of South Bend, Indiana, was collecting materials for the work in the years of 1885 and 1886, and when I took up the work to try to complete and conclude the

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work I found him to be an ever-ready assistant to promptly furnish me such information as he was able to obtain. I found Aunt Elizabeth Witwer Good, Samuel W.'s mother, to be a veritable storehouse of information from early history from southeastern Pennsylvania, mostly in the county of Lancaster, of Vogansville, New Holland, Ephrata, Weaverland, Lititz, and I could tell quite a long string of different places she is able to tell something about and which assisted to a great extent to authentically connect different items and thus connect links and records to give full and complete genealogical data. As she is now past her eighty-fifth mile stone and fast passing on towards the eighty-sixth, it is remarkable the clearness of her memory, as she can tell of many incidents that happened 75 years ago, that to an ordinary person seems to be quite a long memory, and it truly is very remarkable. Samuel W. Good is also a very important factor in promoting interest in the annual reunions, in creating friendly greeting and social pastime and friendly gatherings, all for the betterment of the relations in general and to prove the worthiness of others, that we may not drift on in selfishness and become of the great "I ams" in selfishness and in pride and to not identify themselves with the rest because of some fault claimed of others, but at the same time not perceiving the beam in their own eye. Samuel W. is a very fine, good Christian man, in high standing in his community socially, religiously or interminably.

ANANIAS CLIME WITWER.

1008. Ananias Clime Witwer married, March 28, 1872, to Mary Ann Witwer, born February 12, 1853; born unto them were: 1650.

Derbe Guy Witwer, born December 15, 1872, in Summit Co., O. 1651.
William Lorenza Witwer, born June 8, 1874, in Summit Co., O. 1652.
Charles Abraham Witwer, born Nov. 29, 1875, Marshal Co., Ind. 1653.
Annetta Emma Witwer, born November 10, 1884, in Canton, O. 1654.
Lydia Elizabeth Witwer, born April 11, 1887, in Canton, O. 1655.
Hazel Elsie Witwer, born April 16, 1889, in Canton, O. 1656.

Ananias Clime Witwer, born February 14, 1853, on St. Valentine's Day, in the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, in the large two-story frame house of eight rooms, four rooms on first floor and four rooms on second floor, and I was born in the southwest room on the first floor. When I arrived at school age, Aunt Anna Witwer, now Gross, took me along to school and I attended school quite regularly and always kept up or a little ahead of my classes, especially in arithmetic, writing and grammar, which were my favorite studies. In arithmetic I soon had the third of Ray's by heart, and became assistant teacher in arithmetic and studied Ray's Higher, but had to worry that through by myself on account that the teachers were not required to teach higher than Ray's Third. One reason of my making good headway in arithmetic was that my father enjoyed to study arithmetic with me. He was running the saw mill, where he had to be figuring lumber in all different ways, and as I became quite proficient with the pen and in fact could write all of the letters of the alphabet before I knew them all, I entered the saw mill accounts into the ledger for him, when quite young and thus had an early training in bookkeeping, and in assisting my father in this

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way he was assisting me in keeping ahead of my class and also to be proficient in writing, and while quite young wrote the copies for the teachers, quite frequently assisting them and for my practice in writing serving a double purpose. Also, if any of the scholars had an example they could not get, they gave three raps on their slate with the pencil and I would go and help them and thus leave the teacher free to go ahead with the classes.

In August, September and October of 1869, I attended high school at Smithville, Wayne County, Ohio, taking a preparatory course for civil engineering, and the winter following I was assisting Francis Subey, who was then teaching the Mount Zion school. I attended to the copies for the writing of the scholars and to the arithmetic and the lower class in grammar, and such other helps as he needed, and many of the scholars claim that they learned more in arithmetic and writing that winter than they did in any other winter of their schooling. In the spring or early summer, on May 16, 1871, my father died, which changed our home and literally broke it to pieces. I assisted in the farm work, but as the hired man undertook to "boss" us boys, and in a way that our father never did, it was but a little while until the breach was so great that I was looking towards looking out for myself, and as I fell desperately in love with my cousin, Mary Ann Witwer, who had come from Marshal County, Ind., to visit with relatives in Ohio. Accordingly when she and her sister Emeline went home I went along and we were married on March 28, 1872, in Wabash, Indiana. We remained at North Manchester and I worked in this flourishing city attending bricklayers, carrying the hod, until the latter part of June, when we made a short visit to Marshal County, Ind., and on July 4 we arrived at my old home in Summit County, Ohio, and we set up house keeping in the west side of the house where I was born.

We lived here until spring, when we moved half a mile north into the house that Uncle Phares Witwer built and sold to my father, and we bought it from the estate in the fall of 1874. I sold this property to Isaac Witwer and we moved to Twin Lakes Marshall County, Ind., one-fourth of a mile south of the lakes, in the south room of the house, where we resided until April 1, 1875. We bought the Shoemaker property on the north side of the lakes, being half a mile north and about a mile east from where we lived. We accordingly moved into this home at about the first of December of that same year. My brother B. F. and sister Mary came to visit us and they stayed all winter. In the spring my sister went back to Ohio, but my brother B. F. prevailed on me to go in with him to buy a farm together, and we went to looking around and bought a farm, or rather traded for it, I trading my home on the farm, and we moved on the farm on the west edge of West Township, Marshal County, Ind., and moved on this farm of 160 acres in the spring of 1876. We were farming together each owning a team and each was to have his cattle separate, and the like, but it was not long until B. F. had two teams and of course feeding off the pile. We got along fine until the fall of 1877, late, rather about December, my horses took sick and died and then on March 10, 1878, B. F. got married and he notified me of the fact about New Years, and that he wanted to move on the farm. Well, as I did not like farming anyway and had no team, I concluded I would try something else, so we moved to LaFayette, Ind.,

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and gave B. F. possession. He farmed until August or September, when he sold all the crops and our cane mill and everything he could turn into money and moved to Plymouth.

We were in LaFayette, Ind., down and out. We first moved into a small cottage on Sixteenth Street, for one month, then we moved to Wild Cat road and the Turnpike road, at the corner house; lived there until September 1. We moved back into the city of LaFayette, on Sixteenth Street, about one block east of where we first lived; lived there one month, when we moved into the house we first had, where we then lived until May 1, 1878, and here was where I learned the cooper trade, in the winter of 1878 and '79. On the 1st of May we moved into the next house, one door north, where we resided until November 20, 1882, when we moved to Canton, Ohio, No. 128 Liberty Street. We bought this house and lot for $500, on the installment plan, paid it by the month as we could. In 1890 we sold this property for $1125.00. We moved to South Cherry Street, in Canton, O., and bought an acre of ground on the corner of Charles Street and Gonder Avenue, where we built an eight-room house and stable and all other necessary out buildings, and I followed millwright and carpenter work. In 1893 the panic struck Canton good and hard on the 15th of June; for the rest of the year and all of the year of 1894 we had to live off of our property and were getting in debt. In 1895 it was not very much better and we got to work at the pottery again for a couple months and it began to look a little encouraging when on the 11th day of July, at 7 o'clock in the evening, the pottery caught fire. "It was set afire, but we can not prove it only on circumstances and words learned since," and it burned down. There we were for the rest of that year and no work. February 1, 1896, we moved to Marshal County, Ind., again, and on March 17, 1896, we moved into Plymouth, Ind., on North Main Street, and in the fall we moved into the Lincolnheld house, near the High school building, where we lived until the 1st of May, 1897, when we moved to South Bend, Ind., on the corner of Wayne and St. Louis Streets. On October 19, 1897, we moved to Mishawaka, Ind., on Fourth Street, and we bought a lot on East Sixth Street, and built ourselves a six-room house on this, and on December 28, 1897, moved into it. On the 28th of March, 1901, we sold this property and bought a lot on West Sixth Street, the second lot west of Main Street, and built a nice house on this, and on March 28, 1903, we sold it. Then we stored most of our household goods and just took what we didn't care for and moved to St. Louis, at 4067 Finney Avenue, where we leased a flat at $19.00 per month, with an agreement of no raise in rent, during the World's Fair, and we helped to build the World's Fair buildings. On June 16, 1904, we sold out our flat and we moved back to Mishawaka, Ind., on East Second Street, and bought a lot on South Cedar Street, between Third and Fourth, No. 215 and 217 South Cedar Street. We built a store and residence building combined with all modern improvements and we have a grocery and live fairly comfortably, and are making a living by sticking close to business and being too extravagant. Here the old lady, my daughter, Hazel Elsie, and a hired boy are taking charge of the store and I help when real necessity calls for it. But I am putting in faithful time finishing up this work. This is my first effort and I hope

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you will excuse short comings and the common plain flow of language, which is mixed considerably with Pennsylvania Dutch, and don't forget to read my article of "We ich en bu war."

Now I will recapitulate a little of my life, as you see I am a rolling stone, and I have gathered no moss, consequently I have no money ahead of me, and I am nothing but a poor but honest Pennsylvania Dutchman, striving to make an honest living. I was raised a farmer and until 1878 did nothing but farming, and as we had a maple sugar camp on our farm and cooked maple syrup and sugar regularly every year, in 1876 I undertook to cook cane syrup and had very good success and made some of the very finest kind of cane syrup. In 1877 with the reputation of the year before I had a very big run of it and good success, but as I was cleaned out it ended that my brother sold the mill and got the proceeds.

At LaFayette, Ind., I worked at cooper work in winter time and at carpenter work in summer time, and at Canton, Ohio, I followed carpenter work for a short time, then I got started on millwright work and followed that for a couple years, then for a few summers I tried to do some contracting. But I found if I made on one job, on another I would come out short, so I followed up shop carpenter work and millwrighting. The Panic of 1893 struck us good and hard and in 1892 I was offered $2800 cash for my property and I then owed about $300, but I thought I ought to have $3,000, and I let my chance slip, and in the spring of 1897 I sold the same property for $1,260.00, so when I settled up I had $140 left, so you see I was pretty well cleaned out again. But I had the nerve to try it again and with that money, it was all I had, I bought a lot on contract, built the first house in Mishawaka, on the south of the L. S. & M. S. R. R., and paid for it in two and a half year's time. I sold it for $1255.00 spot cash; bought and built the second and sold out and when we went to St. Louis, we had $2,000.00 clear in the bank. We had expected to take in the World's Fair and make some money besides, but we had just about what we started with, but we enjoyed the trip and do not regret it, and we would be willing to take some more trips but not with the same experience, for I had a siege of typhoid fever while there that kept me from earning anything for over three months. Yet, with all that we got back with a little ahead, about $50.00, and a whole lot of experience. But of all the places I ever lived there is none to come up to Mishawaka, Ind., the meaning of which is "Rapid Waters." Thus you see the city in itself tells of its great water power and manufacturing facilities and the advantages in shipping to any part of the U. S. A.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA.

Indiana was admitted into statehood December 14, 1815. The first settlers of Penn Township were William and Timothy Moat, in 1828. The township was laid out on May 6, 1832. The dam at Mishawaka was the first dam in the St. Joseph River; was authorized to be built by Congress of the U. S. Government in the spring of 1834, authorizing the St. Joseph Iron Company to build a dam at the head of the Mishawaka rapids, and this dam was built in 1835. The first recorded plat of Mishawaka, Ind., was made by William Barbee on April 2, 1835. And this plat adjoining the

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plat of the St. Joseph Iron Works Co., and the title is "Plat of the Town of Mishawaka," and was acknowledged April 20, 1835, as the "Plat of the Town of Mishawaka." On this date it was officially announced by the surveyor, and is part of the N. W. quarter, and part of the S. W. quarter of Sec. 15 in Tp. 37 N. R. 3 E. Second Meridian. The beginning point of this plat is the quarter section corner, on the line dividing sections 15 and 16, thence north 56 poles to a stake, thence east 5 poles to the northwest corner of lot eleven in the Barbee's Plat of the Town of Mishawaka, Indiana. Second plat is Fowler's addition to Mishawaka. This is on the north side of the St. Joseph River, and was laid out on April 22, 1836. Third plat laid out June 28, 1836 by Joe Battell, Jr., and Grove Lawrence, and lay west of the first addition, and this second addition was named Indiana City. Part of these grounds were donated to the City of Mishawaka for a park, and is now Battell Park. Two large squares of several acres each are set apart in this plat of Indiana City. These squares are for public purposes only. One is College Green; the Court House square. On February 17, 1838, an act of the Legislature declared these names of the different plats of small cities all to be "Mishawaka," on both sides of the river. Mishawaka, meaning "Big Rpaids" or "Rapid Waters" on account of the big fall in the river at this point.

Thus Mishawaka's future history as a manufacturing city was recognized in the very name. It was predestined to be a manufacturnig center. The "City of the Big Rapids;" the "City of Great Water Power." This the perrennial boon of the city, which has grown from this great water power. From the very beginning Mishawaka has been noted for its business enterprize. The manufacturing establishments have been formed as follows:

February 17, 1838, Mishawaka Iron Co., stock	$100,000
February 1, 1836, St. Joseph Iron Co., stock	100,000
February 8, 1836, St. Joseph Fire Insurance Co., stock, 1835, the first flouring mills.	10,000
June 28, 1867, Hydraulic Co., stock	50,000
October 10, 1867, Mishawaka Furniture Co., stock	60,000
August 23, 1869, Milburn Wagon Works, stock	100,000
December 20, 1870, Andrews Fur Co., stock	50,000
March 4, 1871, Hollow Axle Co., stock	20,000
April 10, 1873, Bostwick Refrigerator Co., stock	20,000
July 14, 1873, Perkins Wind Mill Co., stock	40,000
January 31, 1874, Woolen Co., stock	25,000
July 18, 1876, Mishawaka Wagon Co., stock	50,000
February 24, 1880, Dodge Mfg. Co., stock	50,000
1897, Dodge Mfg. Co., increase stock	500,000
November 27, 1885, Power & Trans. Pub. Co., stock,	10,000
September 9, 1890, M. Water Works Co., stock	20,000
November 29, 1890, Elec. Lt. & Power Co., stock	25,000
April 1, 1903, Pub. Utility Co., stock	10,000
January 22, 1886, Beatty Felting Co., stock	50,000
March 7, 1887, K. & S. Brew. Co., stock	65,000
July 4, 1887, Mish. Factory Co., stock	20,000
March 9, 1888, Mish. Pulley Co., stock	100,000

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August 12, 1890, Mish. Fur Co., stock..... 100,000
June 25, 1891, Elkhart Milling Co., stock..... 15,000
November 27, 1893, Mish. Pad and Harness Co., 10,000
June 24, 1902, Roper Furniture Co., stock,..... 50,000
February 10, 1906, Major Bros. Co., stock..... 100,000
Mishawaka Woolen Co., increase stock 750,000
Simplex Motor Car Co., stock..... 500,000

The Go Cart Work and Veneer Works, and there are many more good progressive concerns which we have not had time to look up.

LEGEND OF MISHAWAKA.

The Miami Indians at an early day were the possessors of this part of the country. The Pottawatomies, a powerful tribe of the Algonquin nation, discovering the richness of the region for hunting and fishing, emigrated from their homes in Michigan, and after many fierce battles, won possession of the territory. Thus it was that the English speaking people came to know this tribe in an early day.

Mr. E. A. Journegan, engaged in writing a sketch of early pioneer days, unearthed an interesting tradition of still earlier times. The Shawnee Indians, headed by the great Chief Elkhart, had migrated here and settled down. Elkhart was famous to the far points of the compass as being the father of Princess Mishawaka, a beautiful girl of sweet character. Mishawaka had many opportunities of becoming the squaw of many of the great Indian chiefs. Among her many suitors were two whose race for her affection seemed to be very close, one a white man known as "Dead Shot," and the other "Gray Wolf," a sub-chief of the Pottawatomies. Between these two men a bitter hatred sprang up and the cunning Indian made many efforts to do away with his rival, but "Dead Shot," with the aid of Mishawaka, who returned his affections, escaped many attempts upon his life. In 1800 Pokagon, chief of the Pottawatomies, engaged Elkhart in battle and defeated him. "Gray Wolf" captured Mishawaka near the camp where her father was forced to vacate. He offered to make her his wife, but she thinking of her white lover, refused the honor. Incensed by her refusal he stabbed her and was about to take her scalp when "Dead Shot" appeared. At once they came to blows and a fierce knife to knife fight was started. They battled until at last "Dead Shot" slew his enemy. Much exhausted, he fell to the ground, but was aroused to action by the bleeding form of Mishawaka near him. He tenderly picked her up and carried her to his cabin, near the falls. It was a long struggle with death to bring her back to health and strength, but with the aid of her strong constitution and the herbs abounding in the neighborhood, he won out. Like many of the early pioneers, who married Indian maidens, "Dead Shot" was much in love with his wife, and lived happily with her.

The Indians always honor a brave man and "Dead Shot" was much admired by them for his fearlessness. In his honor they named the falls in the river "Mishawaka," and in later years, the town that grew about it they gave the name of Mishawaka.

During 1832 discoveries were made of bog iron ore abounding in this neighborhood. This discovery was brought to the attention of Alanson

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M. Hurd, who sent William L. Earl to investigate the discovery and the value of the ore for manufacturing purposes. Mr. Earl returned to his employer with glowing reports, and Mr. Hurd in conjunction with a friend of his, Elias Smith, organized and incorporated the St. Joseph Iron Works Company. In 1833 Mr. Earl with working men arrived from Detroit and began operations. The first building erected was a large frame structure used to shelter the men, and afterwards occupied as a general store by A. H. Hurd & Co. At the close of this year the first blast furnace of the west was completed and in operation and the first iron tools of the west manufactured. Quite a number of buildings were erected for the accommodation of the workmen and the employes of the iron company. On July 15, 1833, Mr. Hurd made out and dedicated a plat of land as the St. Joseph Iron Works village. Mr. Earl erected a tavern. On New Years Day, 1836, was the first election held and the following village trustees were selected: James White, John J. Deeming, Samuel Stancliffe, Henry Delcamp and Alexander Sandilands. This was the first village organization in St. Joseph County, Indiana. The first school house was erected in 1834 and Miss Sheldon, of White Pigeon, was the first teacher. There was a ford across the river just a little below the dam.

The Business Mens' Association of Mishawaka was formed and organized in March, 1899. So with our tenth anniversary, we, the business men of Mishawaka, Indiana, can look back with pride at the accomplishments, and with a renewed spirit press on for greater and better strides for the best and greatest city of its size on the globe.

The famous Milburn Wagon Co., organized, August 23, 1869, with a capital stock of $100,000, and on July 1, 1873, they reported their year's product of manufacture to have been $446,652.00. But a controversy arose between the town and the company. The company asked for certain facilities, such as side tracks along the streets, which the authorities of the town felt unable to agree to. Instead of exercising a spirit of forbearance the breach widened, and the company moved their wagon works to Toledo, O., which proved to be unhappy to all concerned. The company's buildings, which were very extensive, were blown down on December 4, 1873, entailing a loss of over $20,000, and as for the town of Mishawaka, the loss seemed almost irreparable, coming as it did, so soon after the fearful conflagration that destroyed the business section of the town, on September5, 1872. It is claimed the most important incorporation of stability is the Mishawaka Hydraulic Company. The Mishawaka Woolen Manufacturing Company was incorporated January 31, 1874, capital stock, $25,000, but has since been increased to $750,000, and is estimated to be worth millions of dollars now. This factory has been a boon to the city, that is insetimable. The Dodge Company is with many others too numerous to mention, all good flourishing concerns and all are prospering.

Ananias Clime Witwer is a member of R. A. M. No. 83, Mishawaka, Ind., Star City Encampment No. 153 I. O. O. F., LaFayette, Ind., of the Christian Church of Mishawaka, Ind., Business Men's Association, Grocers' and Butchers' Association, Whiteman Bros. Wholesale Grocery Co., and the Ind. Retail Mer. Ass'n, Mutual Fire Ins. Co., and the Co-op. R. E. & B. Co. of Washington, D. C.

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DES IS PENSYLFONY DEITSCH.

We ich en glana bu wor, hov ich ken English schwetza kenna, un ich denk won ich en hunnerd yoar old war, do ichs aw net fergessa, we de Pensylfony deitscha schwetza duna. Ich bin yets sex un fufstzich yoar old, so dos ich ennich how de helft fun da hunerd yoar ivvershtonna hob. Un ich hob net feel fun mime deitsch fergessa ovver des shpella gate a bissel dopich, over von deer des net lasa kent, brings stcu mere no sawich eich wos es is, es sin a lot fun da Ohio buva, dos der Dan. Hosler kenna, un ich du aw, de hardst shlake, des ich salava gricked hob in der shule, hut air mere geva fer deitsch shwetza, un ich bin eem sell noch schultick, strick stzu bestzalla, ovver is letsht mole os ich een ksana hob, hut aar evva noch gagucked dos von aar mich noch dresha kent, so wase ich net won my stzeit kumpt. Wel we ich en bu wor, hut my pap en grosa boweri kot, un en sake mele, un on der grick wara so feel mushgrutta, un ich hob an gonsa lot folla kot, un ich hob sella ols shtelled ovets, no der next marriga bin ich gonga un hobs Sa. Kult, un se ob gastzuga, un de houd ferkaufed, sella wake hov ich olferd gelt kot, stzu shpenda dorich der summer, un in harrupst hov ich ols de keshto, wolnis, hickernis, un so shtuft uf gagettered, un bob fun sella fer kaufed, un no hov ich ols welshkarn gaboshed, noch dem as mere unsers ol eweck gadu hen kot, no sin mere ganga onner lite helfa, un wos mere so ferdeened hen, hut uns in gelt kolta fer der gons winder, mere hen olferd blendy wolnis, hickernis, keshta, un parshing ledder kot, mere hen de shta ous der parshingganuma, no im a Stzuver gute Shtomped, no uf en board Schmeared, un gadrickled in der sun, no hen meres in shticker schnitta, we en block du wock, fer mit in de shule nemma. Ich ferges awe net, we ich en bu war, hut my pap, olla yoar en shtick flox nous gadu, no won er stzeitich wor, no hen mere en garuped, garaitzed, gabrucha, gaswunga, un gahecheled, no hut de mam gorn gashpunna, un in duch gamoched gricked, no hut see uns hussa gamached, un ich feges net we sella hussa gagrotsed hen, as moched mich now grotsa von ich dro denk no hens se ols ous mocha wella mere hetta der gretz uns ware ken wunner gwest von mer hetta so we sel uns gagrotzed hut beu-hu-ru-ru-ru-well ich denk ich mus yets bola mole shtuppa, lape gute, droam nix schlechtes, ess blendy over net stzu feel, un drink net so feel shtarick shtuft, over ma gute frish wosser. (*) des is fun dime Cousin Nias Witwer.

(*de Beva Schwefflebrenner is doad.)

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WITWER.

1010. Benjamin Franklin Witwer married, March 10, 1878, to Etta Bunnell, born September 6, 1858; born to them were: 1657.

Roy H. Witwer, born April 29, 1884, in Dowagiac, Mich. 1658.
Ralph Waldo Witwer, born October 10, 1890, in Kalamazoo, Mich. 1659.

Benjamin Franklin Witwer, born November 25, 1856, in Summit County, Ohio, went to Marshal County, Ind., on December 4, 1875, and on April 1, 1876, moved with his Brother A. C. and family on the 160 acre farm on the west side of West Township, Marshal County, Ind., where he resided and united with Etta Bunnell in marriage, March 10, 1878. In

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September, 1878, he moved to Plymouth, Ind., and on October 12, 1879, he moved to Michigan City, Ind. Here he worked on the railroad until July 13, 1880, when he had his left foot taken off by an accident. March 21, 1881, he moved to Dowagiac, Mich., where he engaged in the bakery and restaurant business; moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., November 21, 1885. From there he moved to Albion, Mich., December 1, 1886, and on January 26, 1887, he again removed to Kalamazoo, Mich., and lived there and prospered until some time in 1908. He sold out and about April, 1909, he bought a bakery in Windsor, Ont., where he now resides.

MARY ANN WITWER.

1011. Mary Ann Witwer married, November 8, 1877, address, Greentown, O., to William Henry Stover, born March 7, 1853; born to them were 1660.

Charles Clarence Stover, born September 3, 1878, died 1879, in Summit Co., O. 1661.
Cyrus Leander Stover, born February 27, 1881, in Stark Co., O. 1662.
Edwin Arthur Stover, born March 7, 1883, d. 1888, Stark Co., O. 1663.
Robert Lee Stover, born July 18, 1885, in Stark Co., O. 1664.
James Corwin Stover, born April 5, 1888, d. 1888, Stark Co., O. 1665.
Lydia Almeda Stover, born November 30, 1889, in Stark Co., O. 1666.
John Roy Stover, born September 23, 1892, in Stark Co., O. 1667.
Ralph Wilson Stover, born November 7, 1894, in Stark Co., O. 1668.
Floyd Francis Stover, born May 5, 1897, in Stark Co., O. 1669.
Franklin Dewey Stover, born February 15, 1899, in Stark Co., O. 1670.

Mary Ann Witwer, born November 20, 1858, in the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, married to Wm. H. Stover, November 8, 1877. They were living in Summit County, Ohio, for a couple of years, then moved to Stark Co., near Marlboro, on a farm, where they resided for a good many years, farming. A couple of years ago they sold their farm and bought a house and lot in Greentown, where they now reside.

CYRUS J. WITWER.

1012. Cyrus J. Witwer married, 1883, address, Akron, Ohio, to Ida Alice Stoner, born September 5, 1866; born to them were: 1671.

Bertha May Witwer, born April 5, 1884, d. 1899, in Stark Co., O. 1672.
Oliver James Witwer, born November 5, 1885, in Stark Co., O. 1673.
Maggie Effie Witwer, born May 19, 1887, in Stark Co., O. 1674.
Ernest David Witwer, born September 13, 1891, in Stark Co., O. 1675.
Ralph Archidale Witwer, born November 6, 1896, in Stark Co., O. 1676.
Delbert Alvires Witwer, born March 16, 1898, in Stark Co., O. 1677.
Cordelia Christena Witwer, born August 4, 1900, in Summit Co., O. 1678.

Cyrus Witwer, Jr., was born February 16, 1861, in Summit County, Ohio. In the spring of 1876 he came to Indiana and made his home with his brother, Ananias, until in the spring of 1878, when he hired out to a farmer in the western part of Marshall County, Ind., until about September. He went to Ohio again, to Stark County, where he remained until he united

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in marriage with Ida Alice Stoner, when they moved on the farm of the father-in-law, about a mile west of Zion Church, where they were farming for a number of years and then moved to Akron, where they now reside. Cyrus is contracting and building houses, and has several nice properties and is progressing nicely.

JOHN BROUGH WITWER.

1013. John Brough Witwer married, January 17, 1882, address, Greentown, O., to Sarah Jane Boston, born September 29, 1865; born to them were: 1679.

Robert Edgar Witwer, born March 25, 1885, d. 1888, Stark Co., O. 1680.
Rollo Carl Witwer, born March 16, 1887, in Stark Co., O. 1681.
John Carson Witwer, born March 19, 1889, in Stark Co., O. 1682.
Irma Etta Witwer, born February 17, 1891, in Stark Co., O. 1683.
Iva Orella Witwer, born April 12, 1893, in Stark Co., Ohio. 1684.
Paul Ransom Witwer, born June 26, 1895, in Stark Co., O. 1685.
Daun Leona Witwer, born May 23, 1897, in Stark Co., Ohio. 1686.
Guy Russel Witwer, born June 29, 1899, in Stark Co., O. 1687.
Earl Jayson Witwer, born November 21, 1901, in Stark Co., O. 1688.
Waldo Emmerson Witwer, born October 10, 1903, in Stark Co., O. 1689.
Luther Glenn Witwer, born July 31, 1905, in Stark Co., O. 1690.
Mildred Jenette Witwer, born 1908, in Stark Co., O. 1691.

John Brough Witwer, born December 28, 1863, in Summit County, Ohio, was farming for some years and then had a general store in Greentown, O, for some years and finally sold out and is now following carpenter work. He is a good, honest Christian; resides in Greentown, Ohio.

LUCY C. WITWER.

1014. Lucy C. Witwer married, 1883, address, Aultman, Ohio, to Herman Graybill, born November 24, 1864; born to them were: 1692.

Charles W. Graybill, born May 19, 1884, in Summit Co., O. 1693.
Zulia Jane Graybill, born November 9, 1885, in Summit Co., O. 1694.
Estella Eva Graybill, born May 28, 1891, in Summit Co., O. 1695.
Ruth Catherine Graybill, born February 20, 1904, in Summit Co., O. 1696.

Lucy Clime Witwer, born in Summit County, Ohio, always lived near where she was born. She has made a few visits in Indiana, and in different places, but has always resided within two miles of where she was born. She united in marriage with Herman Graybill and they bought a farm about two miles north of where she was born, and they have resided there ever since. They have a lovely and nice place, and Herman is foreman in the tile factory at Aultman, O. They are getting along fine and are prospering. Their address is Aultman, Ohio.

ELMA WITWER.

1015. Elma Witwer married, 1885, to William Boston, born to them were 1697.

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Clyde M. Boston, born November 1, 1886, in Stark Co., O. 1698.
Stella M. Boston, born November 2, 1887, in Stark Co., O. 1699.
Ora Irwin Boston, born July 1, 1899, in Stark Co., O. 1700.
Sarah Marie Boston, born December 3, 1895, in Stark Co., O. 1701.
Herold James Boston, born February 18, 1905, in Stark Co., O. 1702.

Elma Witwer, born June 4, 1869, in Summit County, Ohio, was the baby of the family and knows but very little of her noble father, if anything, as she was but two years old when father died. She also has been residing within a close range of where she was born. She united in marriage with William Boston. They were farming for some years and some time ago they bought a hardware store in Greentown, O., where they are doing quite a nice business in selling paints, hardware, farm implements, buggies, wagons, etc. They are comfortably situated; live on the corner of the square, where they can see all that is going on, and the street cars pass their door, two each hour of the day, and is quite a pleasant place to live.

SAVILLA WITWER.

1017. Savilla Witwer married, November 26, 1871, address, Barberton, O., to Emanuel Marker, born November 14, 1850, in Summit Co., O.; born to them were: 1703.

Milton Riley Marker, born December 22, 1872, in Summit Co., O. 1704.
Marvin Elmer Marker, born August 26, 1874, in Summit Co., O. 1705.
Meda Ellen Marker, born February 8, 1877, in Summit Co., O. 1706.
Lemon Wallis Marker, born December 4, 1878, in Summit Co., O. 1707.
Curtis Henry Marker, born June 7, 1881, in Summit Co., O. 1708.

Savilla Witwer was born April 28, 1851, in Stark Co., Ohio; always lived within a short distance from the old Witwer homestead and knows them pretty thoroughly. They lived on the farm with Grandfather Abraham Witwer. She united in marriage with Emanuel Marker, November 26, 1871. Emanuel tried various enterprises, among which was farming for a time, and he was in the grocery business in Barberton, in Summit County, O., for some time and seemed to prosper very fairly, but sold out and prospecting around at different ventures, and I do not know whether he has found something to suit his inclinations as yet or not. They are living in the city of Barberton, at this writing. They are good, respectable, honest, law abiding people and influential citizens.

ISAAC W. WITWER.

1018. Isaac W. Witwer married, December 20, 1874, address, Barberton, O., to Adeline Bough, born June 28, 1858, in Stark Co., O.; born to them were: 1709.

Ida Witwer, born December 8, 1875, died 1901, in Stark Co., O. 1710.
William B. Witwer, born May 4, 1877, in Stark Co., O. 1711.
Allen Witwer, born April 12, 1879, in Stark Co., O. 1712.
Cornelius Witwer, born January 3, 1881, in Summit Co., O. 1713.
Claude Witwer, born August 29, 1886, in Summit Co., O. 1714.
Walter Witwer, born November 10, 1888, in Summit Co., O. 1715.

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Isaac Weaver Witwer, born September 30, 1852, in Stark County, O., was living on adjoining farm. This was my chum and we had many good times together; always were exceptionally good friends and always held ourselves aloof to a certain extent from the rest of the crowd of young men in and around the vicinity. Of course when we were among the crowd we would enter into the festivities and frolics of the majority and would take in and take part in whatever would be the mode opperandi, and I could write a long chapter of the pastimes we have had together, but will suffice it to say we were very agreeable with each other and do not remember of ever disagreeing in anything. I do not know of ever having any ill will or that either one did not agree with the other in perfect harmony—we were perfectly agreeable together. I always called him "Ike" and he called me "Nias." Isaac always was a very hard working boy and was an excellent good boy to his parents and to his sisters; always agreeable. He, like nearly all the Witwers, is a natural wood worker, and is following the carpenter trade and is a fine workman, and he always was as strong as an ox, and I do not believe he ever fully realized his strength, for everything he took ahold of seemed to yield. He is not tall being a little below the average height, but well built and on a dead lift there were very few that could lift with him. I do not know of anyone that could out-lift him. He was a tip-top good fellow. Now I wonder, does he say that of me? Well, I know he does not say anything bad about me, just the same.

ROSANNA WITWER.

1020. Rosanna Witwer married, August 15, 1878, address, New Berlin, O., to Frank Disler, born March 18, 1857; born to them: 1716.

John C. Disler, born June 20, 1879, in Stark Co., O. 1717.
Norman E. Disler, born July 8, 1881, in Stark Co., O. 1718.
Winfield Scott Disler, born November 30, 1882, in Stark Co., O. 1719.
Alice S. Disler, born March 8, 1885, in Stark Co., O. 1720.
Enos J. Disler, born December 17, 1888, in Stark Co., O. 1721.
Hearney L. Disler, born October 24, 1893, in Stark Co., O. 1722.
Emma E. Disler, born September 21, 1895, in Stark Co., O. 1723.

Rosanna Witwer, born December 17, 1855, in Stark County, Ohio, also was a good girl at home, hard working and industrious; united in marriage August 15, 1878, with Frank Disler, and they have always resided on the old Disler home. Frank being the only child, got the homestead. It is situated a little over half a mile south of the Zion Church. Their address is New Berlin, O.

ABRAHAM W. WITWER.

1023. Abraham W. Witwer married, April 29, 1882, address, Akron, O., to Margarette Leibold, died 1903; born to them were: 1724.

William Witwer, born June 14, 1883, died 1883, Summit Co., O. 1725.
Effie L. Witwer, born November 11, 1884, in Summit Co., O. 1726.
Royal J. Witwer and Raymond E. Witwer (twins), born November 18, 1889, in Summit Co., O. 1727 and 1728.

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Married second wife, Emma Bough Reiter, born Dec. 18, 1861, 1729.

Abraham W. Witwer, born June 8, 1861, in Stark County, Ohio. is a carpenter and a very fine mechanic. He was in Akron, O., where he was contracting and building, but is now down somewhere in Texas.

LYDIA WITWER.

1025. Lydia Witwer married, January 1, 1884, address, Aultman, O., to Henry Marker, born January 28, 1855, in Summit Co., O.; born to them were: 1730.

Pearle M. Marker, born September 24, 1884, in Summit Co., O. 1731.
Frederick Marker, born December 25, 1885, in Summit Co., O. 1732.
Charles R. Marker, born January 29, 1887, in Summit Co., O. 1733.
Susie Marker, born 1889, in Summit Co., O. 1734.
Minnie Marker, born 1891, in Summit Co., O. 1735.

EMMA WITWER.

1026. Emma Witwer married, December 25, 1887, address, Aultman, O., to Samuel Stover, born October 20, 1855, in Summit Co., O.; born to them were: 1736.

Lloyd A. Stover, born February 18, 1890, in Summit Co., O. 1737.
Nettie M. Stover, born February 16, 1891, in Summit Co., O. 1738.
Della J. Stover, born April 25, 1892, died 1894, Summit Co., O. 1739.
Henry R. Stover, born February 3, 1895, in Summit Co., O. 1740.
Celesta M. Stover, born April 5, 1896, died 1897, Summit Co., O. 1741.
Norman E. Stover, born April 29, 1897, in Summit Co., O. 1742.
Mary E. Stover, born November 15, 1898, in Summit Co., O. 1743.

HENRY A. WITWER.

1027. Henry A. Witwer married, October 25, 1896, address, Aultman, O., to Anna Mea Vine, born April 9, 1876; born to them: 1744.

Jason Lee Witwer, born October 18, 1897, in Summit Co., O. 1745.
William Rose Witwer, born November 27, 1906, Summit Co., O. 1746.

Henry A. Witwer, born in Stark County, Ohio, March 24, 1870, is a natural born mechanic. He can fix your watch, clock, automobile, threshing machine, anything you need repaired. I do not know if he can fix the wheels in a fellow's head or not. I sometimes think the cogs in my wheelhouse need some trimming and toning up, but do not like to let anybody monkey with them and get them to rattling worse. But I do believe I would risk Cousin Henry as soon as anybody to fix my wheels of any kind. He is one of those fellows that is not afraid to tackle any kind of machine, and the more complicated the greater the joy to go through it. Henry is one of those whole souled fellows, to do a good turn for anybody whenever opportunity offers; is an excellent neighbor and honest and respectable citizen.

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FIANNA REAM.

1029. Fianna Ream married, July 2, 1871, to George McLain; no other record received; born to them was: 1747.

William McLain, born March, 1874. 1748.

MAHALA REAM.

1030. Mahala Ream married, December 22, 1872, address, Aultman, O., to Jacob Casler, born February 28, 1850, in Stark Co., O.; born to them were: 1749.

Charles E. Casler, born November 20, 1873, in Summit Co., O. 1750.
John Casler, born November 16, 1876, died 1878, Summit Co., O. 1751.
Clement R. Casler, born November 23, 1878, in Summit Co., O. 1752.
Henry A. Casler, born December 31, 1880, in Summit Co., O. 1753.

Mahala Ream was born August 28, 1853, in Summit County, Ohio, about three-fourths of a mile west of the southeast corner. She always was a jolly, good natured, highly respected and noble woman; was married to Jacob Casler, December 22, 1872. He was an excellent good man, highly respected. They lived on the west half of our old farm in the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, until after Jacob Casler died, on January 1, 1886. She moved several times after that, but now resides at Aultman, O., and is loved by all her neighbors and has many very warm friends.

AARON REAM.

1031. Aaron Ream married to (did not receive name). 1754.
Ralph Ream, 1755; Effie Ream, 1756; and a third child, name not received, 1757.

CATHERINE REAM.

1032. Catherine Ream married, February 19, 1878, to Henry Schrantz; born to them were: 1758.

Homer Schrantz, born September 12, 1879, died 1880. 1759.
Henry H. Schrantz, born October 3, 1881. 1760.
Lottie Schrantz, born February 22, 1883. 2240.
Rachael V. Schrantz, born April 29, 1886. 2241.
Michael Roy Schrantz, born May 21, 1888. 2242.
Ward L. Schrantz, born November 23, 1890. 2243.
Katie Schrantz, born March, 1893. 2244.

ALICE REAM.

1033. Alice Ream married, December 28, 1880, to Burns L. Schoffstall, born May 22, 1851; born to them were: 1761.

Harry Schoffstall, born July 24, 1881, in Richland Co., Ill. 1762.
Minnie Schoffstall, born December 12, 1882, in Richland Co., Ill. 1763.
Rolland Schoffstall, born October 29, 1884, in Richland Co., Ill. 1764.

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Loally Schoffstall, born September 5, 1886, in Richland Co., Ill. 1765.
Fred A. Schoffstall, born June 22, 1889, in Richland Co., Ill. 1766.
Dick Schoffstall, born July 6, 1891, in Richland Co., Ill. 1767.
Richard Schoffstall, born February 22, 1901, in Richland Co., Ill. 1768.
Roy Schoffstall, born October 10, 1893, in Richland Co., O. 1769.
Robbert Burns Schoffstall, born Feb. 7, 1896, in Richland Co., Ill. 1770.

ELIZABETH REAM.

1034. Elizabeth Ream married, December 4, 1881, address Hazel Del, Ill., to J. C. Voris, born to them were: 1771.

Bertie Voris, born August 25, 1882, in Cumberland Co., Ill. 1772.
Charles C. Voris, born August 14, 1884, in Cumberland Co., Ill. 1773.
Frank Ream Voris, born July 9, 1887, d. 1901, Cumberland Co. 1774.
Margarett Roney Voris, born November 29, 1888, Cumberland Co. 1775
Esta May Voris, born Feb. 21, 1891, d. 1901, Cumberland Co. 1776.
Ethelena Voris, born April 8, 1894, in Cumberland Co., Ill. 1777.
Rosco Raymond Voris, born Sept. 29, 1896, Cumberland Co., Ill. 1778.
John Ball Voris, born October 29, 1899, in Cumberland Co., Ill. 1779.

MARY ALICE WITWER.

1037. Mary Alice Witwer, married, address, New Berlin, Ohio, to Willard F. Corp, born October 2, 1865, married August 14, 1904; born to them: 1780.

Minnie Evelyn Corp, born May 17, 1905. 1781.

EADON AMBROSE WITWER.

1039. Eadon Ambrose Witwer married, 1893, address, Onawa, Ia., to Cora Bookhart, born June 28, 1877, died 1902; born to them: 1782.

Alvin E. Witwer, born September 19, 1895, in Iowa. 1783.
Mabel A. Witwer, born Februâry 25, 1897, in Iowa. 1784.
Samuel E. Witwer, born February 7, 1899, in Iowa. 1785.

Married second wife. 1786.

ALMEDIA ELLEN WITWER.

1040. Almedia Ellen Witwer married, November 25, 1885, died April 22, 1901, to Grant Croghan, address, Yankee Hill, Calif.; born to them were: 1787.

Cecil Lavern Croghan, born July 14, 1890, in Iowa. 1788.
Charles C. Croghan, born April 17, 1892, in Con Cow, Cal. 1789.
Bertha V. Croghan, born March 4, 1894, in Con Cow, Cal. 1790.
Oley B. Croghan, born November 30, 1895, in Deadwood, Cal. 1791.
Bessie D. Croghan, born November 11, 1898, in Deadwood, Cal. 1792.
Infant, born April 13, 1901, in Deadwood, Cal. 1793.

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SAMUEL EDWARD WITWER.

1041. Samuel Edward Witwer married, August 27, 1902, address, Little Sioux, Iowa, to Nettie Allen, born October 27, 1884; born to them were: 1794.

Lucy Gladys Witwer, born August 22, 1903, at Blencoe, Ia. 1795.
Clarence P. Witwer, born October 14, 1906, at Blencoe, Ia. 1796.

SCUYLER ULYSSES WITWER.

1042. Schuyler Ulysses Witwer married to ———. 1797.
Has two children, but did not receive names. 1798.
His first wife died and he is married second time. 1799.

Schuyler U. Witwer, address, Oral, South Dakota. 1800.

We had no communication from this family for twenty-three years, and had lost trace of them, but by persistent search we located them with great pleasure, yet with regret, to find that two of them had died some years ago.

DALLAS GROSS.

1045. Dallas Gross married, 1893, address, Greenup, Ill., to Dora J. Allison, born December 4, 1876; born to them were: . 1801.

Clarence Ellsworth Gross, born February 4, 1894, in Illinois. 1802.
Mildred Frances, Gross, born February 26, 1896, in Illinois. 1803.
Loren Lathiel Gross, born November 23, 1897, in Illinois. 1804.
Della Atossa Gross, born December 11, 1899, in Illinois. 1805.
Harry Clayton Gross, born February 18, 1903, in Illinois. 1806.
Theron Arthur Gross, born 1901, died 1901, in Illinois. 1807.
Infant, born 1904, died 1904, in Illinois. . 1808.
Ralph Herbert Gross, born December 18, 1906, in Illinois. 1809.

SYLVESTER GROSS.

1046. Sylvester Gross married, 1897, address, Greenup, Ill., to Mary E. Harris, born October 19, 1874, died 1908; born to them: 1810.

Lawrence Evert Gross, born July 24, 1898, in Hume Co., Ill. 1811.
Lois Irene Gross, born November 27, 1902, in Hume Co., Ill. 1812.
Earnest Herold Gross, born November 25, 1905, Valparaiso, Ind. 1813.

EVALENA GROSS.

1048. Evalena Gross married, 1894, address, Greenup, Ill., to Elias Wm. Coleman, born October 28, 1871; born to them were: 1814.

Elias Lloyd Coleman, born June 23, 1895, at Greenup, Ill. 1815.
Elmer Ola Coleman, born September 28, 1897, at Greenup, Ill. 1816.
Ernest Claude Coleman, born June 17, 1900, at Greenup, Ill. 1817.
Georgianna Lavera Coleman, born March 12, 1903, at Greenup, Ill. 1818.
Courtland Wayne Coleman , born July 21, 1908, at Greenup, Ill. 1819.

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ELMER GROSS.

1049. Elmer Gross married, address, Greenup, Ill., to Olive Randolf, born November 12, 1875, (no other record). 1820.

ALICE GROSS.

1051. Alice Gross married, July 2, 1902, address, Camargo, Ill., to James E. Neal, born December 6, 1877; born to them: 1821.

Earnest Gross Neal, born March 9, 1908, at Greenup, Ill. 1822.

MINNIE GROSS.

1053. Minnie Gross married, December 17, 1905, address Greenup, Ill., to Thomas A. Hall, born December 3, 1884; born to them: 1823.

Floyd Gross Hall, born December 20, 1906, at Greenup, Ill. 1824.
Forest David Hall, born January 17, 1909, at Greenup, Ill. 1825.

EDITH FLORA PINKNEY.

1056. Edith Flora Pinkney married, February 25, 1888, address, Sterling, Ill., to Rev. F. S. Lee, born Oct. 20, 1865; born to them: 1826.

William Clyde Lee, born May 12, 1889, at Sterling, Ill. 1827.
Harold Jennings Lee, born September 15, 1895, at Sterling, Ill. 1828.
Donald Lee, born June 29, 1897, at Sterling, Ill. 1829.

Edith Flora Pinkney married, February 25, 1888, to Rev. F. S. Lee, graduate of Wheaton Theological Seminary and member of Rochester Conference Wesleyan Methodist Church; now located at Cataraugus, New York.

EVELYN CORA PINKNEY.

1057. Evelyn Cora Pinkney married, June 28, 1900, in Foo Chow, China, to Benjamin F. Marsh, born June 4, 1872; born to them: 1830.

Ethel J. Marsh, born August 28, 1901, in Foo Chow, China. 1831.
Evelyn B. Marsh, born February 16, 1903, in Foo Chow, China. 1832.

Evelyn Cora Pinkney, born at Sterling, Illinois, after receiving a good education spent nine years in Foo Chow, China, as a missionary teacher, under the Methodist Episcopal Board; married to Benjamin F. Marsh, graduate of North Western University, Illinois, a missionary to Foo Chow, China, professor in Anglo China College, acting dean at time of death. June 18, 1904, Mrs. Marsh returned with children to Sterling, Ill., where she now resides.

CLARENCE WILLIAM PINKNEY.

1058. Clarence William Pinkney married, September 14, 1900, address, Eagle River, Wis., to Alice Chandler; born to them were: 1833.

Elizabeth Pinkney, born August 14, 1902, in Wisconsin. 1834.
William Pinkney, born February 24, 1904, in Wisconsin. 1835.

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Rev. Clarence W. Pinkney, graduate of Wheaton College and Chicago Theological Seminary, Congregational minister at Eagle River, Wis.

HOWARD PALEY PINKNEY.

1059. Howard Paley Pinkney, a printer by trade, is now stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah.

BERTHA S. BREWER WITWER.

1062. Bertha S. Brewer Witwer married, October 18, 1905, address, Abilene, Kans., to Raymond L. Dalrymple, born May 22, 1873; born to them was: 1836.

Wayne Witwer Dalrymple, born November 6, 1906, Abilene, Kans. 1837.

MARTIN EARL WITWER.

1063. Martin Earl Witwer married, December 27, 1906, to Kathryn P. Campbell, born May 23, 1886. 1838.

WAYNE WITWER.

1065. Wayne Witwer married, 1905, address, Creighton, Neb., to Bula Carder, born April 27, 1885; born to them were: 1839.

Marie Witwer, born October 29, 1906, at Creighton, Neb. 1840.
Lucile Witwer, born June 20, 1908, at Creighton, Neb. 1841.

IRENE E. HOWER.

1088. Irene E. Hower married, address, Canton, O., to Mr. Miller; born to them was: 1842.

Hope I. Miller, born (no further particulars received). 1843.

CLARISSA M. HOWER.

1089. Clraissa M. Hower, married, address, Canton, O., to Howard Willaman, born to them was: 1845.

Hugh Willaman, born (As I could get no oher explanatory record will have to pass this with regrets that there are so many indifferent ones of the relation who do not seem to realize the high standing of the relation of the most ennobling record of the whole people—no blemish anywhere.)

BLANCHE JACKSON.

1183. Blanche Jackson married, June 17, 1897, address, Osborn, O., to David Clark, born June 24, 1868. 1854.
They reside at Osborn, Ohio.

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JAY BURKHOLDER JACKSON.

1184. Jay Burkholder Jackson married, November 17, 1908, address, Osborn, O., to Emma Marshall (no other record). 1855.

NINA ELIZABETH JACKSON.

1185. Nina Elizabeth Jackson married, June 30, 1895, address, Osborn, O., to Henry N. VanOsdall, born September 26, 1881. 1856.

SADIE JACKSON.

1186. Sadie Jackson married, November 18, 1893, address, Osborn, O., to Charles V. Meyers, born September 29, 1880. 1856.

ELLA ALVISA WITWER.

1194. Ella Alvisa Witwer married, November 11, 1891, address, Dallas, Texas, to Perry G. Claiborne, born October 23, 1865; born to them were: 1857.

Howard Witwer Claiborne, born November 29, 1892, Dallas, Texas. 1858.
Florence Claiborne, born June 18, 1894, in Dallas, Texas. 1859.
John Gilbert Claiborne, born December 17, 1902, in Dallas, Texas. 1860.

WALTER CLAIRE WITWER.

1195. Walter Claire Witwer married, June 9, 1897, address, Dallas, Texas, to Alice Fox Young, born September 19, 1875; born to them: 1861.

Charles Fox Witwer, born May 9, 1898, in Dallas, Texas. 1862.
Mary Emma Witwer, born August 26, 1900, in Dallas, Texas. 1863.

MARY LOUISE WITWER.

1196. Mary Louise Witwer married, January 1, 1898, address, Dallas, Texas, to Joseph Henry Pierson, born December 23, 1864; born to them were: 1864.

Stuart Pierson, born April 18, 1900, in Dallas, Texas. 1865.
Oman Pierson, born December 27, 1901, in Dallas, Texas. 1866.
Henry Pierson, born July 23, 1903, in Dallas, Texas. 1867.

JOHN WILBUR WITWER.

1197. John Wilbur Witwer married, March 20, 1905, address, McKinley, Texas, to Iva May Coons, born August 19, 1886; born to them was: 1868.

Perry Wilbur Witwer, born July 2, 1906, in Dallas, Texas. 1869.
Florence Lillian Witwer, born March 28, 1909, 2255.

1229. David Lichty married to Lydie Martin (no record). 1870.
1230. Christian Lichty married to Emma Bowers (no record). 1871.

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1231. Magdalena Lichty married Martin B. Rutt (no record). 1872.
1232. Isaac Lichty married Clara Buckwalter (no record). 1873.
1233. Martin Lichty married Ida Bowermaster (no record). 1874.

CATHERINE GEIGLEY.

264. Catherine Geigley married to Oliver W. Taylor. 1875.
He is a coach maker at Weaverland, Pa., no children.

JOHN W. GEIGLEY.

1265. John W. Geigley married to Amanda Brubaker. 1876.
John Geigley, Jr., 1877; Mary Geigley, 1878.
They live at East Earl, Pa., are fine and respectable people.

ISAAC W. GEIGLEY.

1266. Isaac W. Geigley married Hetty Horning; no children. 1879.
They live at Bowmansville, Pa., on a farm.

MATILDA GEIGLEY.

1267. Matilda Geigley married to Noah B. Bowman; children are: 1880.
Elmer Bowman, 1881; Amos G. Bowman, 1882; Annie Bowman, 1883.
The father is a Mennonite minister, address, Terre Hill, Pa.

SUSIE GEIGLEY.

1268. Susie Geigley married to Israel L. Musser, children are: 1884.
Satie Musser, 1885; Noah Musser, 1886; Lizzie Musser, 1887; Anna Musser, Bowmansville, Pa., 1888.

ANNIE GEIGLEY.

1269. Annie Geigley married Menno Leinbach, children are: 1889.
Susanna Leinbach, 1890; Katie Leinbach, 1891.
Laborer of Bowmansville, Pa.

LIZZIE GEIGLEY.

1272. Lizzie Geigley married to Barton Good; one child: 1892.
Edna Good, 1893. Terre Hill, Pa.—Farmer.
Three brothers, Amos W., Harry W. and Geo. W. are Mennonite ministers.

WILLIAM HAMPTON.

1383. William Hampton married, January 26, 1899, address, Plymouth, Ind., R. R., to Lottie Holm, born March 18, 1874, in Marshal

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Co., Ind.; born to them were: 1894.
Delmas Hampton, born July 27, 1900, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1895.
Orville Hampton, born 1901, died 1901, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1896.

HARRY HAMPTON.

1385. Harry Hampton married, January 4, 1907, address, Plymouth, Ind., R. R., to Nettie Crawford, born May 30, 1883; no issue. 1897.

MAUD HAMPTON.

1386. Maud Hampton married, January 1, 1902, address, Plymouth, Ind., to Albert Frank, born October 12, 1879; born to them: 1898.
Ruth Frank, born August 9, 1903, in Plymouth, Ind. 1899.

Maud Hampton is an exemplary woman. Her mother died while she was yet quite a young girl and as she was the only daughter the household duties fell to her lot and she had to care for and do the house work, which she did with a grace that was very becoming and neat. She is a beautiful, highly respected, good, lovely woman; has a gracious air about her which shows her modest ways to be of natural and not of cultivated achievement. It is her nature—her natural goodness.

CARRIE ALVESTA STUCK.

1388. Carrie Alvesta Stuck married, 1889, to J. Mack Taylor; born to them were: 1900.
Robert M. Taylor, born September 6, 1890, in St. Joseph, Mo. 1901.
Hazel Fern Taylor, born March 6, 1892, in St. Joseph, Mo. 1902.
Serena Annetta Taylor, born July 3, 1893, in Plymouth, Ind. 1903.
A. J. Daniel Taylor, born January 29, 1895, in Plymouth, Ind. 1904.
Alfred Jennings Taylor, born January 11, 1897, in Plymouth, Ind. 1905.
Carrie May Taylor, born March 23, 1908, Chicago, Ill. 1906.

Carrie A. Stuck, born July 30, 1865, in Marshal County, Ind., on the banks of Twin Lakes, is a model Hoosier; very modest in her ways and actions, refined expression, good countenance, showing a clear conscience of goodness, and in general an excellent woman and mother. They reside at 6818 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

JOSIAH STUCK.

1389. Josiah Stuck married, February 17, 1893, to Ida Ellen Wierman, born July 12, 1868; born to them were: 1907.
Russel Leroy Stuck, born June 9, 1895, in Elkhart, Ind. 1908.
Lucele Mildred Stuck, born January 18, 1899, in Elkhart, Ind. 1909.
Clellen Jesse Stuck, born October 7, 1906, in Elkhart, Ind. 1910.

Josiah Stuck, born July 16, 1867, in Marshall County, Ind., was brought up on a farm and having an inclination for railroad work, got a job on the railroad as brakeman and has followed it ever since, and is now conductor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern line, running from Elkhart to Chicago. They reside at 817 Garfield Avenue, Elkhart, Ind.

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HENRY ALBURTUS STUCK.

1390. Henry Alburtus Stuck married, August 17, 1898, address, Eden, Ill., to Jennie Milligan born (not obtained); born to them: 1911.

Lena Annetta Stuck, born June 21, 1900, in Illinois. 1912.
Bertie Mildred Stuck, born November 9, 1905, in Illinois. 1913.

They reside at Eden, Peoria County, Illinois.

ELSIE JANE STUCK.

1391. Elsie Jane Stuck married, December 19, 1889, address, Allexis, Ill., R. R. No. 5, to James W. Ligget, born June 5, 1864; born to them were: 1914.

Stella A. Ligget, born November 15, 1891, in Warren Co., Ill. 1915.
Letha J. Ligget, born February 5, 1894, in Warren Co., Ill. 1916.
William A. Ligget, born December 20, 1898, in Warren Co., Ill. 1917.
Wesley L. Ligget, born December 20, 1898, in Warren Co., Ill. 1918.
Effie A. Ligget, born January 15, 1905, in Warren Co., Ill. 1919.
Theodore L. Ligget, born October 15, 1906, in Warren Co., Ill. 1920.
Martha L. Ligget, born November 7, 1908, in Warren Co., Ill. 1921.

TYNIE ALICE STUCK.

1392. Tynie Alice Stuck married to Mr. Crinkshanks; (no other record). 1922.

MATIE L. STUCK.

1393. Matie L. Stuck married, address, 6142 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., to Mr. Schillinger; (no other record). 1923.

NETTIE D. STUCK.

1395. Nettie D. Stuck married, address, Plymouth, Ind., R. R. No. 5, Box 7, to Mr. Williams; (no other record). 1924.

WILLIAM H. ALLMAN.

1397. William H. Allman married, February, 1892, address, Plymouth, Ind., R. R., to Daisy Baxter, born December 8, 1876; born to them were: 1925.

Earl Allman, born January 12, 1893, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1926.
Avera Allman, born April 24, 1895, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1927.
May Allman, born August 5, 1897, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1928.
Ethel Allman, born February 1, 1909, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1929.

CORA WARNER.

1398. Cora Warner married, October 4, 1884, address, Burr Oak, Ind., to John A. Crum, born July 8, 1863; born to them are: 1930.

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Maud Crum, born June 24, 1888, in Marshall Co., Ind. 1931.
Walter Crum, born July 22, 1890, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1932.
Claud Crum, born August 26, 1892, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1933.
Marie Crum, born January 3, 1897, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1934.
Louisa Crum, born March 8, 1899, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1935.
Cyrus Crum, born October 4, 1903, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1936.
Annis Crum, born July 19, 1905, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1937.
Frona Crum, born August 12, 1907, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1938.

DAISY WARNER.

1399. Daisy Warner married, December 30, 1895, died 1896, to Vernon Hammond; no issue. 1939.

MARY WARNER.

1400. Mary Warner married, 1894, address, Burr Oak, Ind., to Louis Piero, born May 14, 1862, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1940.
Edna E. Piero, born April 23, 1895, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1941.
Anna L. Piero, born July 16, 1897, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1942.

ANNA IRENE WARNER.

1401. Anna Irene Warner married, 1895, address, Burr Oak, Ind., to Ottis E. Marsh, born April 5, 1862; born to them were: 1943.
Venus May Marsh, born May 10, 1896, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1944.
Howard Benton Marsh, born October 16, 1898, in Marshal Co. 1945.
Fern Louise Marsh, born July 18, 1902, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1946.
Willard Warner Marsh, born March 16, 1904, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1947.

MYRTLE WARNER.

1403. Myrtle Warner married, 1904, address, Burr Oak, Ind., to George Marsh, born April 11, 1881; born to them were: 1948.
Fred Marsh, born January 9, 1905, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1949.
Edna May Marsh, born June 28, 1907, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1950.

DORA WITWER.

1407. Dora Witwer married, November 28, 1895, to Arthur E. Weyrick, born November 15, 1874; born to them were: 1951.
Mary Fern Weyrick, born November 28, 1897, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1952.
Ralph Joy Weyrick, born December 20, 1901, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1953.
Wilma May Weyrick, born May 17, 1904, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1954.
Lena Emma Weyrick, born August 5, 1905, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 1955.

WALTER WITWER.

1408. Walter Witwer married, February 25, 1900, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Viola Shriver, born April 15, 1880; born to them were: 1956.

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Howard Oswald Witwer, born September 10, 1902, in Elkhart, Ind. 1957.
Harry Witwer, born May 29, 1905, in Elkhart, Ind. 1958.

EDWIN LEE WITWER.

1411. Edwin Lee Witwer married, June 25, 1895, address, South Bend, Ind., to Minnie A. Sharer, born February 25, 1887; born to them were: 1959.

Chester Lee Witwer, born September 20, 1896, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1960.
Gerald Clifford Witwer, born October 2, 1898, died 1903, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1961.
Russel William Witwer, born April 14, 1901, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1962.
Herold Edwin Witwer, born February 18, 1906, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1963.

ANNIE E. WITWER.

1413. Annie E. Witwer married, February 28, 1900, address, Mishawaka, Ind., to Harry Sherry; born to them were: 1964.

Ralph Witwer Sherry, born February 26, 1901, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1965.
Elizabeth Irene Sherry, born May 23, 1903, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1966.

SUSIE M. WITWER.

1414. Susie M. Witwer married, April 30, 1901, address, Mishawaka, Ind., to Orlando Compton, born June 13, 1870, in Marshal Co., Ind.; born to them were: 1967.

Ethel Frances Compton, born February 9, 1902, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1968.
Lydia Ellen Compton, born October 25, 1906, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1969.

MARGARET E. WITWER.

1415. Margaret E. Witwer married, address, Mishawaka, Ind., to Cyrus Drapier, no issue. 1970.

He holds a very important position with the Dodge Manufacturing Company, of Mishawaka, Ind., and is manager of their branch house at Indianapolis, Ind. He is a good business man. They are in high standing in society. Address, Indianapolis, Ind., care of Dodge Branch House.

MARY JANE WITWER.

1417. Mary Jane Witwer married, November 22, 1904, to James Guy, born January 4, 1884; born to them were: 1971.

Hellen Cathern Guy, born March 4, 1906, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1972.
Margarett Jane Guy, born February 14, 1909, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1973.

WILLIAM LORENZA WITWER.

1423. William Lorenza Witwer married, January 1, 1901, address, 1161 Spring St., Canton, O., to Elnora Graf, born May 3, 1874, in Canton, Ohio. 1974.

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William L. Witwer, born June 8, 1874, in the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, was moved around from place to place with his parents, and while living at Canton, Ohio, he worked with his father at various kinds of work at the pottery. He learned the business all through from ball-making, turning, jollying, mould-making, kill-setting and slipping, but as the pottery burned down he had to go somewhere else. Worked for a while in the iron foundry; then he removed to Plymouth, Ind., where he worked for a while in the novelty works; then he moved to South Bend, Ind., where he worked for a while in the Birdsell wagon and clover huller works. Here he helped to set up clover hullers. From here he moved to Mishawaka, Ind., and worked for the Mishawaka Woolen Mfg. Co., as millwright for nearly four years, when he was united in marriage with Elnora Graff, of Canton, Ohio, on January 1, 1901. On April 1st of the same year they removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he worked on the World's Fair grounds, and was one of the first to work on the World's Fair buildings, and soon after got a position with John J. Donavant & Co. He only worked for them for a couple of weeks, until they promoted him to a foremanship, and he put down all the footings and foundation for the Textile Building, and the Manufacturers' Building; this building contained 17,800,000 feet of lumber, without the court, which required nearly a million feet more to floor and roof it over and partition it for booths. Then he had charge of and erected the City of Egypt, along the Pike, and Constantinople. After this he put up the Barracks for the animals and people connected with Egypt City. Then he had charge of the erection of the buildings for Hagenbeck's animal show and Coliseum and Restaurant. Then he put up a few booths. He was Dunavant's head foreman, next to superintendent, and was the first foreman under them and the last, but he resigned and went to Canton, O, where he has established himself in contracting and building and is prospering. They are members in high standing in their community. He is a member in the Masonic order, I. O. O. F., Jr. O. U. A. M.; resides at 1161 Spring St., Canton, Ohio.

ANNETTA EMMA WITWER.

1425. Annetta Emma Witwer, married, April 21, 1903, to Frank F. H. Brockhaus, born February 6, 1881. 1975.

Annetta Emma Witwer, born November 10, 1884, at 128 Liberty Street, Canton, Ohio, went to the Liberty Street school. In 1896 removed with her parents to Plymouth, Ind., where she went to the High school in 1897 removed to South Bend, Ind., where she then went to the Coquillard school and where she took an examination as to her proficiency in the graded school of that city, as the Plymouth school was graded in a different way and they put her in the seventh grade, but in a week later they promoted her to the eighth grade and at the end of the term she passed the examination with the rest of the school and was promoted to the ninth grade. But as the parents moved to Mishawaka on October 19, 1897, she took her certificate of standing from the Coquillard school, at South Bend, Ind., and started at once to the High school at Mishawaka, where she handed the certificate to the principal, who so doubted the certificate to be genuine that he required a rigid examination to prove herself entitled to the standing, on

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account that she was so young and small. Here she went nearly two terms, when she took sick and the doctor informed us that it was brain fever and that we dare not let her go to school for some time, that she was studying too hard. But she was not content and went to the factory and got a job in the rubber works and she felt happy, but as we did not like the place for her we enquired around and found a position for her in the office of the Dodge Mfg. Co., where she started in as telephone girl. But, as she was so very ambitious, she got at the typewriter every opportunity she could and it was only a few weeks until she was quite proficient. Then as there were a few of the girls taking dictations in short hand and the mystery of it appealed to her, she determined to learn short hand also. She bought a book and learned short hand out of the book which cost, I think, $3.00, and on the day that she had been in the office one year she told the manager of the office force of her achievement, and asked him to give her a chance to try her on taking dictations, that she had learned of herself since in the office besides her regular work at the telephone, and her ability proved so successful that she was promoted to stenographer and they proclaimed her to be fully as speedy in taking dictations as any they had, either taking dictations or on the typewriter. She also learned to play the organ and piano from the book by herself without a teacher and was quite an expert on the piano.

In March of 1903 she resigned her position with the Dodge Mfg. Co., and removed to St. Louis, Mo., with her parents, where she was united in marriage to Frank F. H. Brockhaus, on April 21, 1903, at the residence of her parents, then No. 4067 Finney Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., where they resided until the spring of 1904. As she was quite poorly with consumption, they took a trip to Hot Springs, thinking it to benefit her health, but found no perceivable benefit. Her husband, being an expert restaurant man, had a good position with the Kable Restaurant Co. while at St. Louis, and when they got to Hot Springs he procured a position there at once. But as it seemed the climate did not agree with them there, they decided to come back, and we all moved back to Mishawaka, Ind., where Mr. Brockhaus accepted a position and took stock in the Witwer Co. grocery, where he worked until about Christmas. As he never was used to working outside and would rather work in a restaurant, he had an offer quite favorably to take the management of the restaurant where he had been working, on Sixth Street, St. Louis, Mo., and they accordingly moved back to St. Louis again, where he took charge of the restaurant, on February 1, 1905, and on February 10, 1905, just ten days after, Annetta died of heart failure. She was laid at rest in the Mishawaka, Ind., cemetery. She was a very amiable and agreeable woman and was loved by all who knew her.

BIRTUS LEONARD NICHOLS.

1429. Birtus Leonard Nichols married, November 26, 1899, to Maybelle I. Schurb; born to them were: 1976.

Wesley L. Nichols, born September 9, 1900, at North Antilope Lake, N. Dak. 1977.

Gladys Elaine Nichols, born March 27, 1906, at Omaha, Neb. 1978.

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Birtus L. Nichols is a fine machinist. He is of a quite a roving nature and has been pretty well all over the United States; at present resides at 1721 Penn Street, Kansas Ctiy, Mo.

WILLIAM HENRY NICHOLS.

1430. William Henry Nichols married, December 25, 1901, to Gertrude M. Myers, born August 31, 1881; born to them: 1979.

Doris Allen Nichols, born April 16, 1906, in Mishawaka, Ind. 1980.

Wm. H. Nichols is a fine machinist and an expert on automobiles and he has a hotel at 117 W. Washington St., South Bend, Ind.

ROSCO URBEN NICHOLS.

1431. Rosco Urben Nichols married, June 28, 1900, to Laura Mea Wilburn Kreighbaum, born March 26, 1868; born to them: 1981.

Ruth Nichols, born October 24, 1903, in Marshal Co., Ind. 1982.

Roscoe U. Nichols is an expert painter and paper hanger; has charge of all the school houses in the city of South Bend, Ind., to keep up repairs of all kinds, and has proven himself to be a very efficient manager of same. They reside at 1040 Vanburen Street, South Bend, Ind.

MAGGIE HANEY.

1439. Maggie Haney married to Eugene Inbody; no children. 1983.

EFFIE ELIZABETH LIGGET.

1448. Effie Elizabeth Ligget married to Mr. Minor; born to them was: 1984.

Ethel Elizabeth Minor, born June 6, 1909, in Illinois. 1985.

ROSA A. WHITE.

1452. Rosa A. White married, January 24, 1878, address, Kent, O., to Charles F. Roose; born to them were: 1986.

Cora M. Roose, born April 26, 1878, in Portage Co., O. 1987.
Arthur Roose, born April 20, 1887, in Portage Co., O. 1988.

SIMON P. WHITE.

1453. Simon P. White married, March 5, 1907, address, Kent, O., to Dora Hewit. 1989.

WILLIAM H. WHITE.

1454. William H. White married, August 8, 1888, address, Kent, O., to Lillie Featheringham; born to them were: 1990.

Harley White, born June 19, 1889, in Portage Co., O. 1991.
Charles White, born April 27, 1893, in Portage Co., O. 1992.
Frederick White, born ———, in Portage Co., O. 1993.

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ALICE WHITE.

1455. Alice White married, June 2, 1896, address, Kent, O., to Mr. Cook. 1994.

SARAH A. WHITE.

1456. Sarah A. White married, August 10, 1884, address, Kent, O., to Burdett Bevington; born to them were: 1995.

Earl Bevington, born March 17, 1885, in Portage Co., O. 1996.
Grace Bevington, born January 30, 1888, married, Portage Co., O. 1997.

OREN R. WHITE.

1457. Oren R. White married, December 11, 1894, address, Kent, O., to Almeda Taylor; born to them were: 1998.

Clifford White, born January 22, 1896, in Portage Co., O. 1999.
Hazel White, born April 10, 1898, in Portage Co., O. 2000.
Mabel White, born April 9, 1899, in Portage Co., O. 2001.
Dorotha White, born April 4, 1900, in Portage Co., O. 2002.
Rosa White, born May 18, 1902, in Portage Co., O. 2003.
Lottie White, born May 18, 1904, in Portage Co., O. 2004.

CHARLES A. WHITE.

1458. Charles A. White married, March 20, 1895, address, Kent, O., to Clara L. Grohe; born to them were: 2005.

Herrold White, born October 4, 1895, in Portage Co., O. 2006.
Blanche White, born December 19, 1896, in Portage Co., O. 2007.

Russel White, born October 10, 1898, in Portage Co., O. 2008.
Glen White, born February 27, 1900, in Portage Co., O. 2009.
Earl White, born August 26, 1901, in Portage Co., O. 2010.
Kenneth White, born November 21, 1903, in Portage Co., O. 2011.
Grace and Ruth White (twins), born January 19, 1905, in Portage Co., Ohio. 2012 and 2013.
Jesse White, born February 18, 1906, in Portage Co., O. 2014.

BERTHA M. WHITE.

1459. Bertha M. White married, August 15, 1893, address, Kent, O., to Fred E. Williston; born to them were: 2015.

Ellen Williston, born January 24, 1896, in Portage Co., O. 2016.
Flossie Williston, born May 7, 1898, in Portage Co., O. 2017.
Viola M. Williston, born December 4, 1902, in Portage Co., O. 2018.
Floyd E. Williston, born August 4, 1904, in Portage Co., O. 2019.

HARVEY E. REITER.

1461. Harvey E. Reiter married, June 18, 1905, address, Akron, O., to Carrie Young; no other record. 2020.

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JENNIE M. REITER.

1462. Jennie M. Reiter married, June 12, 1905, address, 353 Grant St., Akron, O., to Lymon Gift; no other record. 2021.

IDA F. REITER.

1464. Ida F. Reiter married, November 15, 1900, address, Bedford, O, to George Winfield; born to them was: 2022.

Harvey S. Winfield, born December 24, 1906, in Portage Co., O. 2023.

JOHN W. GOODENBERGER.

1468. John W. Goodenberger married October 26, 1892, to Anna V. Shellaberger; born to them were: 2024.

Alan John Goodenberger, born October 9, 1894, Summit Co., O. 2025.
Grace Goodenberger, born October 9, 1897, in Summit Co., O. 2026.
Winnifred Goodenberger, born October 20, 1903, Summit Co., O. 2027.

CLARA A. GOODENBERGER.

1472. Clara A. Goodenberger married, September 23, 1896, address, Canton, O., to Josiah Deremer; born to them were: 2028.

Forest Eugene Deremer, born November 6, 1897, in Canton, O. 2029.
Clifford Wesley Deremer, born August 25, 1903, in Canton, O. 2030.

DANIEL E. GOODENBERGER.

1475. Daniel E. Goodenberger married, May 20, 1907, to Pearle Bert; no other record. 2031.

MINNIE G. REITER.

1477. Minnie G. Reiter married, September 22, 1890, address, Canton, O., to Harry J. Fisher; born to them were: 2032.

Leo S. Fisher, born June 10, 1891, in Canton, O. 2033.
Iva M. Fisher, born August 18, 1899, in Canton, O. 2034.
Leonard B. Fisher, born October 1, 1905, in Canton, O. 2035.

ELTA A. SCHRANTZ.

1494. Elta A. Schrantz married, January 30, 1895, address, Canton, O., to Emory T. Hange; born to them was: 2036.

Herbert R. Hange, born January 5, 1896, in Canton, O. 2037.

MAGGIE L. SCHRANTZ.

1495. Maggie L. Schrantz married, November 19, 1899, address, Canton, O., to Edward Walker; born to them were: 2038.

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Catherine L. Walker, born January 8, 1901, in Canton, O. 2039.
George H. Walker, born September 29, 1904, in Canton, O. 2040.

HENRY A. SCHRANTZ.

1496. Henry A. Schrantz married, October 15, 1903, address, Canton, O., to Bessie Voshall; no record. 2041.

ANNA E. SCHRANTZ.

1497. Anna E. Schrantz married, October 30, 1897, address, Canton, O., to William B. Hollwick; born to them: 2042.
Edna I. Hollwick, born September 1, 1898, in Canton, O. 2043.

AMANDA GARMAN.

1501. Amanda Garman married, May 14, 1893, address, Canton, O., to William Bahr. 2044.

WILLIAM GARMAN.

1502. Wm. Garman married, June 6, 1906, address, Mishawaka, Ind., to Mary Kelley; born to them: 2045.
Harold Robert Garman, born February 24, 1907, Mishawaka, Ind. 2046.

MAGGIE GARMAN.

1503. Maggie Garman married, April 10, 1898, address, Inland, O., to Henry Dickerhoof; no record. 2047.

ESTA MABEL REITER.

1509. Esta Mabel Reiter married, April 18, 1896, address, New Berlin, O., to J. Elmer Riehl; no record. 2048.

ADA M. FISHER.

1515. Ada M. Fisher married, September 1, 1892, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Adam New, born December 10, 1869; born to them: 2049.
Gladys Evelyn New, born July 1, 1893, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2050.
Beryl Irene New, born February 15, 1895, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2051.
Charles Raymond New, born November 1, 1896, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2052.
Clarence Leonard New, born September 1, 1898, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2053.
Vernon Ellsworth New, born September 22, 1900, in Elkhart Co. 2054.
Byron H. New, born March 22, 1902, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2055.
Franklin Howard New, born July 7, 1903, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2056.
Cecil Eugene New, born September 15, 1905, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2057.

EMMA FISHER.

1516. Emma Fisher married, October 1, 1891, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Levi S. Vanantwerp, born April 1, 1868; born to them: 2058.

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Lewis Edward Vanantwerp, born June 29, 1892, Elkhart Co., Ind. 2059.
James Spencer Vanantwerp, born Oct. 7, 1894, Elkhart Co., Ind. 2060.
Ethel May Vanantwerp, born October 10, 1897, Elkhart Co., Ind. 1061.

ELMER FISHER.

1517. Elmer Fisher married, 1894, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Elsie A. Robins; born to them were: 2062.

Royal Wm. Fisher, born August 17, 1895, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2063.
Harold Eugene Fisher, born April 7, 1897, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2064.
Ruth Elma Fisher, born May 28, 1899, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2065.
Clara Fay Fisher, born March 22, 1902, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2066.
Hellen Lenora Fisher, born March 30, 1904, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2067.

BERTHA FISHER.

1518. Bertha Fisher married, May 23, 1900, address, Elkhart, Ind., to George E. Vernier, born January 29, 1882; born to them were: 2068.

Thelma Esta Vernier, born May 25, 1901, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2069.
Ethel Lenora Vernier, born November 3, 1902, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2070.

ROYAL FISHER.

1519. Royal Fisher married, August 14, 1902, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Leanna Esta Brenner, born Feb. 10, 1882; born to them: 2071.

Robert E. Fisher, born March 6, 1904, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2072.
George Henry Fisher, born December 20, 1906, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2073.

WESLEY M. THORNTON.

1522. Wesley M. Thornton married, February 7, 1904, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Ruth Ferrel, born June 9, 1883; no family. 2074.

OLIVER H. THORNTON.

1523. Oliver H. Thornton married, May 18, 1904, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Grace M. Smith, born June 3, 1884; no children. 2075.

LILLIE M. THORNTON.

1524. Lillie M. Thornton married, June, 1, 1904, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Edward Biessel, born June, 1897; born to them were: 2076.

Charles V. Biessel, born January 6, 1905, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2077.
Ford E. Biessel, born November 26, 1906, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2078.
Jay T. Biessel, born September 27, 1908, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2079.

VERTIE ROSS.

1530. Vertie Ross married, October 12, 1905, address, Elkhart, Ind., to John Fancil, born February 22, 1880; born to them: 2080.

Frances Irene Fancil, born April 3, 1907, in Elkhart Co., Ind. 2081.

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MATIE ROSS.

1531. Matie Ross married, December 24, 1903, address, Elkhart, Ind., to Roy H. Lloyd, born Feb. 16, 1880; no children. 2082.

NOEL ELLIS WITWER.

1534. Noel Ellis Witwer married, June 28, 1909, address, River Park, Ind., to Hellen Grace Robinson, born May 8, 1889. 2083.

D. J. RODERICK.

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MARY AGNESS WITWER.

1561. Mary Agness Witwer married, March 20, 1893, address, Casey, Ill., R. R. No. 3, to Jacob Waters, born May 31, 1873; born to them were: 2085.

Daniel Winfield Waters, born January 5, 1894, in Clark Co., Ill. 2086.
Vena Ann Waters, born January 3, 1896, in Douglas Co., Ill. 2087.
Eva Pearle Waters, born August 31, 1898, in Douglas Co., Ill. 2088.
William Franklin Waters, born February 22, 1901, Douglas Co., Ill. 2089.
Zella May Waters, born February 19, 1903, in Cumberland Co., Ill. 2090.
John Henry Waters, born January 5, 1906, in Douglas Co., Ill. 2091.
Vernis Edward Waters, born Nov. 22, 1907, in Cumberland Co., Ill. 2092.
Paul Donald Waters, born December 2, 1908, Douglas Co., Ill. 2093.

CHARLES WILLIAM WITWER.

1562. Charles William Witwer married, December 28, 1904, address, Kinmundy, Ill., to Nellie A. Mahan, born September 12, 1874; no issue. 2094.

HENRY T. WITWER.

1563. Henry T. Witwer married, September 3, 1899, address, Effingham, Ill., to Anna L. Rotan, born August 27, 1878; born to them were: 2095.

Fred M. Witwer, born June 13, 1900, in Illinois. 2096.
Martha Witwer, born June 17, 1903, in Illinois. 2097.

RUFUS WINFIELD WITWER.

1564. Rufus Winfield Witwer married, December 2, 1904, address, Kinmundy, Ill., to Olga Nelson, born June 30, 1886; born to them: 2098.

Thelma Elizabeth Witwer, born February 5, 1906, in Illinois. 2099.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON WITWER.

1566. Thomas Jefferson Witwer married, June 26, 1904, address, Neoga, Ill., to Jesse Wallace, born Sept. 16, 1877; born to them: 2100.
Mary Edith Witwer, born September 15, 1906, in Illinois. 2101.

Thomas Jefferson Witwer enlisted (date not obtained) in Company E, Fifth United States Infantry, was with them for three years, serving during the Spanish-American and Phillipine wars.

CORA WITWER.

1582. Cora Witwer married, May 22, 1901, address, Coffeyville, Kans., to Edward McCammet, born December 9, 1877; born to them were: 2102.

Oliver McCammet, born August 3, 1902, in Montgomery Co., Kans. 2103.
Dean McCammet, born July 14, 1904, in Montgomery Co., Kans. 2104.
Wayne McCammet, born April 29, 1906, in Montgomery Co., Kans. 2105.
Grace McCammet, born Dec. 22, 1907, in Montgomery Co., Kans. 2106.

BESSIE WITWER.

1584. Bessie Witwer married, November 4, 1903, address. Coffeyville, Kans., to Lester T. McCammet, born September 11, 1881; born to them were: 2107.

Sylvia T. McCammet, born May 19, 1904, Montgomery Co., Kans. 2108.
John B. McCammet, born March 7, 1906, Montgomery Co., Kans. 2109.
Jessie Ray McCammet, born Mar. 30, 1908, Montgomery Co., Kans. 2110.

DILLA A. CLOUSER.

1596. Dilla A. Clouser married, March 11, 1886, address, New Berlin, O., to Altha Sinclaire; born to them: 2111.

Lizzie Sinclaire, born February 16, 1887, in Stark Co., O. 2112.

WILLIAM A. CLOUSER.

1597. William A. Clouser married, address, New Berlin, O., to ———, (did not receive record). 2113.

J. RILEY CLOUSER.

1598. J. Riley Clouser married, September 13, 1894, address, New Berlin, O., to Lillie Acker; born to them were: 2114.

Howard Clouser, born July 13, 1895, in Stark Co., O. 2115.
Arlene Clouser, born April 17, 1903, in Stark Co., O. 2116.

ALBERT CLOUSER.

1599. Albert Clouser married, March 29, 1899, address, New Berlin, O., to Dora Reichard; born to them were: 2117.

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Donald Clouser, born January 2, 1900, in Stark Co., O. 2118.
Roger W. Clouser, born April 30, 1904, in Stark Co., O. 2119.
Glen R. Clouser, born January 7, 1908, in Stark Co., O. 2120.

HENRIETTA CLOUSER.

1600. Henrietta Clouser married, October 6, 1898, address, New Berlin, O., to Joseph Goldsmith; born to them were: 2121.

May and Marie Goldsmith (twins), born March 25, 1899, in Stark Co., O. 2122 and 2123.
Karl Goldsmith, born August 30, 1902, in Stark Co., O. 2124.
Harry Goldsmith, born September 7, 1907, in Stark Co., O. 2125.

CHARLES CLOUSER.

1602. Charles Clouser married March 14, 1907, address, New Berlin, O., to Cora Holl; born to them: 2126.

Margarette Clouser, born September 30, 1907, in Stark Co., O. 2127.

NETTIE M. SHAFFER.

1606. Nettie M. Shaffer married, June 20, 1885, address, 444 E. Exchange St., Akron, O., to Frank S. Lichtenwalter, born September 4, 1865; born to them were: 2128.

Floyd A. Lichtenwalter, born October 30, 1886, in Summit Co., O. 2129.
May S. Lichtenwalter, born February 26, 1892, in Summit Co., O. 2130.

HARVEY G. SHAFFER.

1607. Harvey G. Shaffer married, March 20, 1895, to Florence Dodds, born December 23, 1875; born to them: 2131.

Baulah Shaffer, born February 22, 1897, in Summit Co., O. 2132.

JENNIE E. SHAFFER.

Jennie E. Shaffer married, November 26, 1891, address, Lake, O., to Allen F. Seesdorf, born July 8, 1869; born to them were: 2133.

Hazel Seesdorf, born April 4, 1893, d. 1893, Summit Co., O. 2134.
Gertrude M. Seesdorf, born December 1, 1894, in Summit Co., O. 2135.
Grace E. Seesdorf, born July 5, 1902, in Summit Co., O. 2136.

CARRIE I. SHAFFER.

1609. Carrie I. Shaffer married, June 20, 1896, address, 306 Spicer St., Akron, O., to Jacob O. Surbey, born September 24, 1873; born to them: 2137.

Ethel E. Surbey, born October 10, 1898, in Summit Co., O. 2138.

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MINNIE B. SHAFFER.

1610. Minnie B. Shaffer married, June 14, 1900, address, Lake, O., R. R. No. 27, to John W. King, born March 15, 1878; born to them were: 2139.

Harvey S. King, born December 16, 1900, in Summit Co., O. 2140.
Maud S. King, born March 30, 1903, in Summit Co., O. 2141.
Clyde B. King, born August 9, 1905, in Summit Co., O. 2142.
Glen King, born September 1, 1908, in Summit Co., O. 2143.

ANNIE S. SHAFFER.

1611. Annie S. Shaffer married, November 15, 1902, address, 323 Brown St., Akron, O., to Lloyd J. Broucher, born July 2, 1883, born to them: 2144.

Donald S. Broucher, born March 25, 1904, in Summit Co., O. 2145.

LORA ELIZABETH STONER.

1618. Lora Elizabeth Stoner married, January 1, 1900, address, New Berlin, O., to Lewis Miller, born July 25, 1874; born to them: 2146.

Merton Merrit Miller, born September 23, 1900, in Stark Co., O. 2147.
Lela Pauline Miller, born September 25, 1903, in Stark Co., O. 2148.

MARY OLIVE STONER.

1621. Mary Olive Stoner married, June 20, 1907, address, Lake, O., to Amos C. Leibole, born September 1, 1882; born to them: 2149.

Willard Amos Leibole, born November 20, 1908, in Summit Co., O. 2150.

BERTHA MAY STONER.

1623. Bertha May Stoner married, May 29, 1907, address, Massillon, O., to Phillip C. Rohr, born April 4, 1878; born to them: 2151.

Lois Catherine Rohr, born September 18, 1908, in Stark Co., O. 2152.

ARTHUR D. CHRISTOPHER.

1626. Arthur D. Christopher married, December 24, 1901, address, Ada, Ohio, to Daisy Wallick, born at Ada, Ohio. 2153.

LILLIE MAY CHRISTOPHER.

1627. Lillie May Christopher married, July 16, 1896, address, Talmage, O., to George W. Loenard, born Greensburg, Summit Co., O. 2154.

ANNA MARIE CHRISTOPHER.

1628. Anna Marie Christopher married, August 15, 1903, address, Johnsons Corners, O., to Bert L. Shaw, born at Johnson's, Ohio. 2155.

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DAISY ALICE CHRISTOPHER.

1629. Daisy Alice Christopher married, October 4, 1899, address, Ada, O., to Clarence Edgar Stokes, of Ada, O. 2156.

ZETTA PEARLE CHRISTOPHER.

1631. Zetta Pearle Christopher married, September 27, 1905, address, Barberton, O., to Atlee McCartney, born (date not received, and no record). 2157.

GRACE NAOMA CHRISTOPHER.

1632. Grace Naoma Christopher married, June 20, 1907, address, Barberton, O., to James A. Bachman, of Barberton, O.; no record. 2158.

OLIVIA SCHRANTZ.

1636. Olivia Schrantz married, April 5, 1896, address, New Berlin, O., to Hiram Wehl, born to them were: 2159.

Bertha Wehl, born April 6, 1897, in Stark Co., O. 2160.
Clark M. Wehl, born April 28, 1901, in Stark Co., O. 2161.

PEARLE SCHRANTZ.

1638. Pearle Schrantz married June 24, 1903, address, New Berlin, O., to Frank Lindower; born to them: 2162.

Leslie Lindower, born December 16, 1903. 2163.

GROVER C. SCHRANTZ.

1639. Grover C. Schrantz married to Louisa Marchandt, September 4, 1906. 2240.

WILLIAM LORENZA WITWER.

1652. William Lorenza Witwer married, January 1, 1901, address, 1161 Spring St., Canton, O., to Elnora Graf, born May 3, 1874, in Canton, O. 2164.

William Lorenza Witwer is a self-made man as is generally the expression where a man has to start clear from the bottom and work his way up. At the age of six years he showed his inclination of being concise in what he is doing and to know why he is doing it so that he would know when the job was perfect. While flaring hoops in the cooper shop he asked why this was done, when after having the explanation he was satisfied and did his work perfectly. But he was now ready for more questions. Next how do you get the length of the hoop, answer by stepping off with the compass on a line guaged to the line to which the hoop is to go around the barrel, setting the compass so that six steps of the compass will make the exact circle and exact to the line, then step off the distance on your hoop material and

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allow for the splice; after seeing this worked out he was satisfied and ever remembered it. But there were still a few more questions, one of which was how do you get the head to fit in the barrel, which was explained thus—after the barrel is tressed then you champfer it so as to make the chime of the barrel look nice, then you hollow it out so as to get the staves all even all around the chime; when this is well done then you cut the crouze to a regular depth of about the same depth as the width of the crouze being about five thirty-seconds of an inch, thus after the crouze is cut regularly and smooth all around then you take the compass with the point set into the crouze and step off six steps around in the crouze, neither to under step it or over step it, but that the six steps will make the perfect circle; thus after having the compas set exact and the head prepared you set one point of the compass to the center of the head by trials then strike the circle on the head; after having this done trim the head with the broad ax to as regular a thickness all around as you can, then cut the head to a perfect circle with the paring knife; after this is done then give it a regular face champfer of even champfer all around the head, then champfer the inside of the head to an even and uniform thickness all around on the edge of the head and you will have a perfect fit of the head in the barrel, which is put in by setting a punch into the head near the center, loosen the head tress hoop, push the head to its position by putting the point of the center joint of the head to the stave selected for the bung stave, then tighten the head tress hoop again, and your barrel is ready for dressing and hooping. I am sure that he would produce a good barrel now and he has not been around a cooper shop since he was eight years of age, on November, 1882, when he removed from there, and I am sure he has not forgotten how it is done, and the importance of the lesson of the two points of the compass. In later years he found innumerable times when these lessons proved of very valuable service as in millwright work to make the draft for cutting the belt holes for a machine where the counter shaft is under the floor on which the machine is set. Space not permitting will suffice it to say it is all within the two points of the compass and a straight edged strip or rule and plumb bob and fine line. William L., thus by these practical lessons not received in school, but in practical work, knew more practical and fundamental principles of doing any millwright or carpenter work than four-fifths of the so-called millwrights or carpenters of the present time. He took a position with the Mishawaka Woolen Mfg. Co., as a millwright and proved himself more competent of handling any and all jobs than any of the other carpenters or millwrights, numbering as high as 30 to 40 and at times as high as 60 men, working for the same company.

When Wm. L. went to St. Louis, Mo., to work on the World's Fair buildings, he had not worked on any jobs to amount to anything where blue prints were used to work from, but he had a good practical idea and he kept his mouth shut and his eyes and ears open and went at it with a determined mind to master the confidence placed in him as their foreman and he waded through wagon loads of blue prints without making any errors in the handling and laying of the foundations of the Textile Building, the Manufacturers' Building, which contained over seventeen million feet of lumber, and he had full charge in erecting the City of Egypt on the Pike, which contained 190 buildings, of all different sizes, shapes, elevations, or modes

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of construction, and several of the men who had worked on a similar but not nearly as extensive a City of Egypt at the Chicago World's exposition and were the foremen, went crazy in trying to master the arduous undertaking, but Wm. L. went right on through with it as though he had ever been used to that kind of work. He also had charge of Constantinople in its erection along the Pyke, and Hagenbecks menagerie and coliseum and the boarding pavillion along the Pyke. He also showed himself so well versed in the blue prints as to give his employers pointers from the blue prints, that saved his company many thousands of dollars and was thus of exceedingly high standing with them and received great praise from them and a very nice present from the company as a reminder of their appreciation of his valuable services. He has thus proved his ability and natural competency of handling mechanical work successfully, and profitably. He is following contracting and building in the city of Canton, O.; resides at 1161 Spring St.; a noble and highly respected man, and has one of God's most noble women as a mate. But they have no children to cheer their lovely home and fireside.

ANNETTA EMMA WITWER.

1654. Annetta Emma Witwer married, April 21, 1903, in St. Louis, Mo., to Frank F. H. Brockhaus, born February 6, 1881, in South Bend, Ind. 2165.

Annetta Emma Witwer, born November 10, 1884, at 128 South Liberty Street, Canton, Ohio, was a remarkable child. On the day she was six years old we bought her an organ and before she went to bed that evening she had mastered in playing one tune through to regular time without a break, and she took the instructor and commenced to play from it by being told that an o was a whole note and denoted time of a full note, but if you put a leg to it, it will run twice as fast, and if you blacken his face, he will run four times as fast and if you tie a ribbon to his leg he will run eight times as fast, and so on, and she soon became quite proficient and played pieces that surprised everybody. She became an expert on the piano and played operatic productions that many others failed to be able to play even after taking instructions for many years, and she never took but one lesson, only to have been told the above rule and upon which she based her time. She learned the typewriter and short hand in the same way by herself from instructor books without a teacher, and while attending to the telephone board at the Dodge Mfg. Co. office. The other girls just laughed at her when she told them that she was going to learn short hand and typewriting, too, and while the other girls were talking together Annetta would take down in short hand what they said unbeknown to them and she soon was so good at it that on the day she had been with the company one year she told the office manager of the fact and that she was practicing it and took down what the girls said, and the other day when he came in and dictated a letter to one of the other girls she noted it down and answered two telephone calls at the same time, and yet she got every word of his letter and she produced it and asked him to give her a trial. He gave her a dictation and in quite a hurry because of being surprised. Then he took the letter handed him over in the main office and showed it to the "main push,"

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and they nearly all had to come and take a peep at her, and soon he returned and she handed him the type-written letter without a single error, and was at once promoted with a raise in salary.

ROY H. WITWER.

1658. Roy H. Witwer married, 1908, to (the name nor other record was not obtained). 2166. But they have a very fine and well equipped bakery in Kalamazoo, Mich.

CYRUS LEANDER STOVER.

1662. Cyrus Leander Stover married, July 16, 1902, address, Canton, O., to Ora Shibler; born unto them were: 2167.

Mertle Stover, born February 26, 1903, in Stark Co., O. 2168.
Carrie Stover, born November 24, 1904, in Stark Co., O. 2169.
Elwood Stover, born May 26, 1906, in Stark Co., O. 2170.

He is a motorman on the street car line in the city of Canton.

ROBERT LEE STOVER.

1664. Robert Lee Stover married, January 20, 1906, address, Greentown, O., to Ida Killinger, born (date not obtained); born to them: 2171.
Esther Stover, born March, 1907, died 1907, in Stark Co., O. 2172.

OLIVER JAMES WITWER.

1673. Oliver James Witwer married, January, 1907, address, Palmer St., Akron, O., to Cora Young, born June 23, 1887; born to them was: 2173.

Lois Geraldine Witwer, born December 9, 1907, in Akron, O. 2174.

ROLLO CARL WITWER.

1681. Rollo Carl Witwer married, April 15, 1908, address, Greentown, O., to Adelaid Eakins; no children. 2175.

JOHN CARSON WITWER.

1682. John Carson Witwer married, May 15, 1907, address, Greentown, O., to Elta Ruth Holl; born to them: 2176.

Kathryn Jane Witwer, born October 5, 1907, in Stark Co., O. 2177.

ZULIA JANE GRAYBILL.

1694. Zulia Jane Graybill married, December 24, 1903, address, Aultman, O., to John Freese; born unto them were: 2178.

Dorotha May Freese, born February 11, 1905, in Summit Co., O. 2179.
Edgar James Freese, born February 10, 1907, in Summit Co., O. 2180.

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CLYDE M. BOSTON.

1698. Clyde M. Boston married, November 15, 1896, address, Greentown, O., to Hellen E. Farr; born unto them: 2181.

Wm. Clyde Boston, born August 19, 1907, in Greentown, O. 2182.

STELLA M. BOSTON.

1699. Stella M. Boston married, September 2, 1907, address, Greentown, O., to Fred Diffenderfer; born to them: 2183.

Lois Lane Diffenderfer, born March 26, 1908, in Stark Co., O. 2184.

MILTON RILEY MARKER.

1704. Milton Riley Marker married, March 24, 1898, address, Barberton, O., to Pearle M. Goodyear, born August 17, 1873; born to them were: 2185.

Fern M. Marker, born October 30, 1899, in Summit Co., O. 2186.
Ray B. Marker, born March 19, 1902, in Summit Co., O. 2187.
Daisy B. Marker, born May 30, 1904, in Summit Co., O. 2188.
Grace L. Marker, born June 18, 1908, in Summit Co., O. 2189.

MARVIN ELMER MARKER.

1705. Marvin Elmer Marker married, March 14, 1900, address, Akron, O., to Kate Schumacher, born September 23, 1877; born to them were: 2190.

Ray Marker, born June 17, 1901, in Akron, O. 2191.
Edna May Marker, born December 7, 1903, in Akron, O.

MEDA ELLEN MARKER.

1706. Meda Ellen Marker married, May 30, 1895, address, Barberton, O., to William Wollet, born August 15, 1873; born to them: 2193.

Nora May Wollet, born Sept. 27, 1897, died 1897, Barberton, O. 2194.
Clyde M. Wollet, born March 24, 1899, in Barberton, O. 2195.
Murl A. Wollet, born January 28, 1901, died 1901, Barberton, O. 2196.
Florence E. Wollet, born September 20, 1903, in Barberton, O. 2197.

Milton Riley Marker is in the grocery business in Barberton, Ohio. Marvin Elmer Marker, machinist in Akron, Ohio. William Wallet, branch maker of sewer pipe in Barberton, Ohio. Wallace L. Marker, draftsman in Sheet Metal Structure and Sterling Boiler works of Barberton, Ohio. Curtis H. Marker, fine art and china decorator, Chicago, Ill.

IDA WITWER.

1710. Ida Witwer married, January 9, 1896, address, Barberton, O., to Samuel Cooper, born September 9, 1872; born to them were: 2198.

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Nellie Cooper, born November 25, 1896, in Barberton, O. 2199.
Florence Cooper, born August 7, 1898, died 1902, Barberton, O. 2200.

WILLIAM B. WITWER.

1711. William B. Witwer married, June 26, 1906, address, Barberton, O., to Blanche Schwalbach; born to them: 2201.
Gilbert F. Witwer, born September 25, 1908, in Barberton, O. 2202.

ALLEN WITWER.

1712. Allen Witwer married, June 8, 1900, address, Barberton, O., to Sadie L. King, born October 4, 1879; born to them: 2203.
Hazel Witwer, born March 10, 1901, in Barberton, O. 2204.

CORNELIUS WITWER.

1713. Cornelius Witwer married, October 25, 1904, address, Barberton, O., to Maud Harbaugh, born June 29, 1882; no children. 2205.

JOHN C. DISLER.

1717. John C. Disler married, March 20, 1899, address, New Berlin, O., to Harriet Brown, born June 3, 1876; born to them: 2206.
Mahlon Brown Disler, born June 28, 1900, in Stark Co., O. 2207.

NORMAN E. DISLER.

1718. Norman E. Disler married, April 12, 1905, address, New Berlin, O., to Olive C. Gross, born June 4, 1884; born to them: 2208.
Donald A. Disler, born March 22, 1907, in Stark Co., O. 2209.

WINFIELD SCOTT DISLER.

1719. Winfield Scott Disler married, May 29, 1905, address, New Berlin, O., to Alice Maud Addis, born February 23, 1884; born to them was: 2210.
Rolland Addis Disler, born July 12, 1907, in Stark Co., O. 2211.

ALICE S. DISLER.

1720. Alice S. Disler married, August 28, 1904, address, New Berlin, O., to Henry D. Fasnight, born Jan. 23, 1870; born to them: 2212.
Hazen S. Fasnight, born January 30, 1906, in Stark Co., O. 2213.
Howard S. Fasnight, born September 8, 1908, in Stark Co., O. 2214.

EFFIE L. WITWER.

1726. Effie L. Witwer married, April 22, 1906, address, Akron, O., to William Nicol; born to them: 2215.
Emma Margarett Nicol, born August 27, 1906, in Summit Co., O. 2216.

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PEARL M. MARKER.

1731. Pearl M. Marker married, 1903, address, Inland, O., to Walter Hetrick, born in Summit Co., O. 2217.

Ruth Celestia Hetrick, born September 11, 1904, in Summit Co., O. 2218.
Elizabeth Jane Hetrick, born March 31, 1907, in Summit Co., O. 2219.
Jacob Henry Hetrick, born October 2, 1908, in Summit Co., O. 2220.

FREDERICK MARKER.

1732. Frederick Marker married, April 22, 1908, address, Aultman, O., to Olive Frances Boerschuck. 2221.

CHARLES E. CASLER.

1750. Charles E. Casler married, November 17, 1895, address, Aultman, O., to Cora Stonenitz, born December 18, 1875; born to them were: 2222.

John J. Casler, born March 16, 1897, in Summit Co., O. 2223.
Ralph A. Casler, born July 18, 1899, in Summit Co., O. 2224.
William Casler, born January 9, 1901, in Summit Co., O. 2225.
Grace Leona Casler, born October 3, 1904, in Summit Co., O. 2226.
Ray Atlee Casler, born May 27, 1907, in Summit Co., O. 2227.

CLEMENT R. CASLER.

1752. Clement R. Casler, married, December 17, 1899, address, Aultman, O., to Ellen Schultz, born January 29, 1880; born to them: 2228.

Raymond Casler, born June 4, 1901, in Summit Co., O. 2229.
Sheldon Casler, born June 22, 1907, in Summit Co., O. 2230.

HENRY A. CASLER.

1753. Henry A. Casler married, January 9, 1904, address, Aultman, O., to Anna Odessa Metzker, born Oct. 1, 1880; born to them: 2231.

Catherine Ruth Casler, born October 5, 1904, in Summit Co., O. 2232.
Doris Almeda Casler, born September 4, 1906, in Summit Co., O. 2233.
Lester Donald Casler, born September 4, 1908, in Summit Co., O. 2234.

HARRY SCHOFFSTALL.

1762. Harry Schoffstall married, December 25, 1907, to Grace Steward. 2235.

LOALY SCHOFFSTALL.

1765. Loaly Schoffstall married, March 21, 1909, to Jay Weston. (I wonder if related to the pedestrian.) 2236.

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MAUD CRUM.

1931. Maud Crum married, February 17, 1907, address, Burr Oak, Ind., to William Wentland, born in Marshal Co., Ind. 2237.

LIZZIE SINCLAIRE.

2112. Lizzie Sinclaire married, August 16, 1906, address New Berlin, O., to Logan Becker, in Stark Co., O. 2238.

James Becker, born March 16, 1907, in Stark Co., O. 2239.

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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF WITWER REUNION.

The First *Witwer Reunion* of Indiana was held by the families of Jonathan Witwer (deceased), at the Fair Ground at River Park, Indiana, August, 1906. They put some tables there for the occasion and they had a beautiful spread. But before they got through with their meal a heavy thunder shower came up and they slapped their eatibles back into the baskets again, preparatory to seeking shelter. But as it came up so quick they were compelled to crawl under the tables as that offered the best available shelter at the time, to keep as dry as they could under the circumstances. After the first shower, as it looked threatening for more showers soon, they moved to the building just being erected by John B. Witwer, about half a mile distant, where they would be in the dry, as the roof was all on and the floor laid. This afforded them quite an accommodation, after having a good soaking and lots of fun and some experience which will be remembered for many years and will be the nucleus to guarding against any repetition of the occurrence in the future, to make preparations for shelter in advance. But with this experience and the good cheer of all they proceeded to form a permanent organization and they named it the Witwer Reunion, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John B. Witwer, President, address, River Park, Ind.; Simon E. Witwer, Vice-President, address, Niles, Mich, R. F. D.; Edith B. Witwer, Secretary and Treasurer, address, Niles, Mich., R. F. D. The attendance was about forty, and they had a jolly good time.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF WITWER REUNION.

Second Annual meeting of the Witwer Reunion of Indiana was held at Island Park, Elkhart, Ind., on Saturday, August 24, 1907, where the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John Brenton Witwer, President, address, River Park, Ind.; Elias Stambach Witwer, Vice-President, address, Mishawaka, Ind.; Edith B. Witwer, Secretary, address, Niles, Mich., R. F. D.; Simon E. Witwer, Treasurer, address, Niles, Mich., R. F. D. The attendance was very enthusiastic and had present 130, with a bounteous spread; everybody happy and a grand, good time, and all enthused to repeat the same good time a year later.

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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF WITWER REUNION.

Third annual meeting of the Witwer Reunion was held at Island Park, Elkhart, Ind., on Thursday, August 20, 1908, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John Brenton Witwer, President, address, River Park, Ind.; Elias Stambach Witwer, Vice-President, address, Mishawaka, Ind; Edith B. Witwer, Secretary, address, Niles, Mich., R. F. D.; Simon E. Witwer, Treasurer, address, Niles, Mich., R. F. D.; Ananias C. Witwer, Historian, address, Mishawaka, Ind. There was a very enthusiatic assembly, a grand and bounteous spread; everybody happy and having a glorious, good time; number present, 145, and had a group picture taken that is grand.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF WITWER REUNION.

Fourth anuual meeting of the Witwer Reunion was held at Island Park, Elkhart, Ind., on Saturday, August 28, A. D. 1909. Officers are: John Brenton Witwer, President, of River Park, Ind.; Elias Stambach Witwer, Vice-President, of Mishawaka, Ind.; Edith B. Witwer, Secretary, of Niles, Mich., R. F. D.; Simon E. Witwer, Treasurer, of Niles, Mich. R. F. D.; Ananias C. Witwer, Historian, of Mishawaka, Ind. All the officers were re-elected and the next reunion will be held at the same place on the last Saturday of August, which was adopted to be our regular day of each year. The attendance was very enthusiastic, but there were only about 95 present. But we had a glorious good time, and all enjoyed themselves. John Willis Witwer, of Pittsburgh, Pa., was present and enjoyed the day with us for the first time. Mrs. Mahala Stoner, of Aultman, O., and Aunt Anna Gross, of Greenup, Ill., Mr. Harvey Gross and wife, of Paris, Ill., Mr. Wm. L. Witwer and wife, of Canton, O., Miss Bertha Graf, of Canton, O., were present from outside of the State of Indiana. Wiht the invitation thus: This park is an ideal spot for the assembling of relatives, where man and nature have united to beautify. This place, the enchantment, is made a part of each and every one present. Last year we numbered 145, and this year we should increase our enrollment. Everyone who has attended cherished that day above all others of the year as a day of enjoyment. Yourself and family are earnestly invited to be present at either or all of the reunions as suits your convenience, to have a glorious, good time with friends and relatives and get acquainted with the Witwer cousins.

Sincerely, ANANIAS CLIME WITWER,
Cor. Sec., Historian and Genealogist,
Box 375, Mishawaka, Ind.

I take the liberty of making some propositions, I think to be a good thing and will give them on next page as suggestions to be brought up at our Reunion.

SOME PROPOSITIONS.

First: Let each one figure up what the Reunion has cost them and instead of doing a whole lot of work to prepare for the occasion, thus pay

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into a fund for furnishing the meals for the Reunion, in this way giving everybody a chance to assist to defray the expenses of the Reunion, which many are willing to do, thus to raise by subscription or as agreed, to pay to some one to furnish the meals for the Reunion, so that the women can have a day of pleasure as well as the men, these meals to be paid by the fund created for the purpose, and thus not load a burden on some who are willing to do their just share. But as their means are such as to over burden them in their research and they suffer discomforts from the effects of it, while others would be ready and willing to pay into a fund in cash rather than bother with preparing a basket and lug things to and from the Reunion and spoil their pleasures of the day.

Second: To adopt a regular time for our Reunion each year and to be known as the Witwers' or Wittwers' of America Reunion or Association.

Third: To take up a subscription or collection for having a general jubilee reunion to last a week at some summer resort where we could rent cottages to accommodate all who wish to attend this jubilee reunion. And to get rates from all railroads for cheap fare, and to assist those who are not able to pay their fare to attend this jubilee by subscriptions from those who are willing to take stock in the project to assist those who are not able to avail themselves of this great pleasure. This jubilee reunion to be held at some future time as will be agreed by the subscribers of the fund and carried out as they may determine by those who will be willing to subscribe and pay into this project.

This proposition came before me in a good many instances in letters received from different ones who informed me that they would consider it the greatest pleasure of their life to attend our Reunion and also to possess a copy of the Witwer Genealogy. But as their means were such that they had to deny themselves either pleasure with deep and solemn regrets.

I am also in favor to raise a fund to assist in finding lost relatives in the United States, and to keep the record of all Witwers or Wittwers that come to our notice and to induce all to send in their family record that we may record them and thus, if any inquiring relatives, we could locate all or any of them on short notice, and as I have the great record book, I will keep this up at a very nominal cost and to be turned over to the Witwers of America Association after I am through with it; provided my son, Wm. L. Witwer should not care to keep this record and keep it up to date and carry out the work—he shall have the first opportunity. If he turns it over to the Association, then it shall be the property of the Association, and also the copyright of the Genealogy of the Witwers of America shall go with this record as the Genealogy is copyrighted.

This Genealogy of the Witwers or Wittwers of America, or from the Wittwers from Switzerland, is copyrighted, as I have spent a year's hard and arduous labor to attain this record and register, therefore, wish to protect myself that I and my family shall receive the benefit of this labor.

THE ORIGIN OF THE REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

In the winter or early spring of 1899 Amos Reiter, then being past four score years of age, thus being in the evening of his life and could not

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expect to do very much active service any more, but could do something to commemorate his activity and ambition to do good. Amos was one of those men who believed in being cheerful and pleasant. He believed in enjoying life while you lived for he said that when you are dead you are a long time dead.

He told the writer of this article that he found it invariably to be a fact that all those people who make a long face and draw long breaths occasionally on Sundays and all their talk was nothing else but about church, that they are commonly wolves in sheeps' clothing, or to say it plain like he said it, "dead beats" and "cheats." He was a man with an ever happy mood, always cheerful and I never saw him downhearted but once in my life, and I was around him quite a great deal, and that was the time he got a capital joke on me.

Amos Reiter was a good man and the favorite of all of my uncles; was married to my Aunt Barbara Witwer, my father's oldest sister. Amos, while visiting with his daughter, Lydia Goodenberger, and at his solicitation, they formulated the plan of holding reunions of the Reiter family and accordingly the arrangements were perfected and they held their first Reiter Reunion.

FIRST REUNION OF REITER FAMILY.

First Reunion, on September 2, 1899, at Summit Lake, near Akron, O., with about 65 or 70 present; elected no officers.

SECOND ANNUAL REUNION OF REITER FAMILY.

Second Reunion held at Summit Lake, September 1, 1900, with an attendance of about 85; no Witwers present; no officers elected.

THIRD ANNUAL REUNION OF REITER AND WITWER FAMILIES.

Third Reunion held at Myers Lake, Canton, O., August 3, 1901; elected officers: Henry A. Witwer, President; L. W. Reiter, Vice-President; Ollie M. Stoner, Secretary; William White, Treasurer; attendance about 140; Here the Witwers affiliated.

FOURTH ANNUAL REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

Fourth Reunion at Highland Park, August 2, 1902; officers: Henry A. Witwer, President; L. W. Reiter, Vice-President; Ollie M. Stoner, Secretary; Wm. White, Treasurer; attendance about 150. All combined in reunion and agreed to call it the Reiter and Witwer Reunion.

FIFTH ANNUAL REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

Fifth annual meeting of the Reiter and Witwer Reunion was held at Highland Park, at Aultman, Ohio, on Saturday, August 1, 1903. The officers elected were: Samuel W. Good, President, address, New Berlin, O.; Manias W. Reiter, Vice-President, address, New Berlin, O.; Ollie M.

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Stoner, Secretary, address, Lake Postoffice, O.; John B. Good, Treasurer, address, New Berlin, O. Attendance, about 175, and a grand, good time.

SIXTH ANNUAL REITER ANR WITWER REUNION.

Sixth annual meeting of the Reiter and Witwer Reunion was held at Highland Park, Aultman, Ohio, on Saturday, August 6, 1904. The officers elected were: Isaac Witwer, President, address, Barberton, O.; William White, Vice-President, address, Kent, O.; Ollie M. Stoner, Secretary, address, Lake, O.; John B. Good, Treasurer, address, New Berlin, O. Attendance about 200, and a glorious, good time.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

Seventh annual meeting of the Reiter and Witwer Reunion was held at Highland Park, Aultman, Ohio., on Saturday, August 5, 1905. Officers elected were: Isaac Witwer, President, address, Barberton, O.; William White, Vice-President, Kent, O.; Ollie M. Stoner, Secretary, address, Lake, O.; John B. Good, Treasurer, address, New Berlin, O. Attendance 225, and a grand, good time.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

Eighth meeting of the Reiter and Witwer Reunion was held at Highland Park, Aultman, Ohio, on Saturday, August 4, 1906. Officers elected were: Manias W. Reiter, President, address, New Berlin, O.; Cyrus J. Witwer, Vice-President, address, 45 Highland Ave, Akron, O.; Ollie M. Stoner, Secretary, address, Lake, O.; John B. Good, Treasurer, address, New Berlin, O. Attendance about 200, and a glorious, good old time.

NINTH ANNUAL REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

Ninth annual meeting of the Reiter and Witwer Reunion was held at Highland Park, Aultman, O., on Saturday, August 3, 1907. Officers elected were: Manias W. Reiter, President, address, New Berlin, O.; Cyrus J. Witwer, Vice-President, address, 45 Highland Ave., Akron, O.; Clara A. Deremer, Secretary, address, 709 Washington Ave., Canton, O.; John B. Good, Treasurer, address, New Berlin, O. Attendance about 185, with a glorious, good and jolly time.

TENTH ANNUAL REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

Tenth annual meeting of the Reiter and Witwer Reunion was held at Highland Park, at Aultman, Ohio, on Saturday, August 1, 1908. Officers elected were: Manias W. Reiter, President, address, New Berlin, O.; Cyrus J. Witwer, Vice-President, address, 45 Highland Ave., Akron O.; Clara A. Deremer, Secretary, address, 709 Washington Ave., Canton, O.; John B. Good, Treasurer, address, New Berlin, O. Attendance 215, and a grand, good and glorious time.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REITER AND WITWER REUNION.

Eleventh annual meeting of the Reiter and Witwer Reunion was held the officers were re-elected as follows: Manias W. Reiter, President, address, New Berlin, O.; Cyrus J.,Witwer, Vice-President, address, 45 Highland Ave., Akron, O; Clara A. Deremer, Secretary, address, 709 Washington Ave., Canton, O.; John B. Good, Treasurer, address, New Berlin, O., R. F. D. Theattendance was 185 and a grand good time was enjoyed by all present.

The attendance is hoped to be larger than ever before and with a great deal more interest and enthusiasm and as we find the relation to be larger by considerable and am finding a great many more Witwers than anticipated or thought of, we expect our Reunions to grow from year to year as it is certain that we will have new visitors each year, which will be a great inducement for all to attend the reunions in order to see those who can come one day but cannot spend the time to stay any longer, and so we wish to greet them and have a good chat with them all we can. Now this reunion is to be held each year on the first Saturday of the month of August, so every one can make their calculations to meet with us and have a pleasant time.

The attendance was hoped to be larger than ever before and with a time. One of the Reiter relations undertook to call me down because, as he stated, I had given no history of the Reiter family. But as I have as full a history of the Reiter family as of any of the others I am sure they have no complaint to make and, furthermore, the one that undertook to call me down has not contributed one iota of information towards any part of the work, and is one who would rather spend his time and means to flood the Red Lane, or boose. Consequently, I am under no obligations to him, but I wish to state that I am under obligations to Josiah Deremer for the very good report of the Reiter family which he has furnished me with and which is embodied in the work.

MICHAEL WITWER, OF ORVILLE, O.

Michael Witwer was born July 8, 1813, in east Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was brought up by his mother, whose maiden name was Susanna Stauffer, and as she died many years ago, and all that is known is that the father of this Michael Witwer went to the Revolutionary war of 1812 and that was the last heard of him, and it is thought he was killed there and is among the unknown. There is nothing on record of his line of antecedents and the families now living have no record of their forefathers. As this Michael Witwer was the only child and never knew of any uncles or aunts, he was therefore not able to tell anyone who were his relatives. But the fact that he was born in East Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, right among the Witwers of our forefathers, is therefore proof enough that he is one of the hardy race and as there were so many there and of different branches of the relation it is therefore impossible to trace or to infer from which branch they are the descendents.

But that they are cousins is easily to be seen and understood and we therefore do not hesitate to acknowledge them as such. There is a possible

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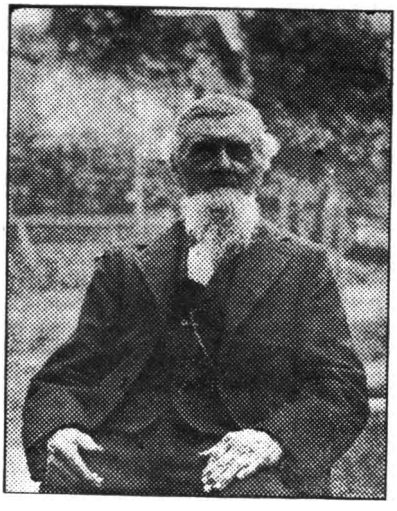

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chance to find the historical record to establish the link that will give the genealogical link in the relation, as there is yet considerable history and data lacking in giving the full line of descendents of the ancestor, Michael Wittwer, the progenitor, who came from Switzerland and settled in the wilds of the land of Penn at the early date of 1727.

This Michael Witwer from East Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa., came with his mother across the Allegheny mountains to the then wild and sparcely settled state of Ohio, in 1836, and they settled in Wayne County, Ohio. Here he went to work and established himself as an upright and honorable citizen and a few years had proven himself to be a worthy member in society of his community, and being of sober and well respected habits, he won the heart and hand of the charming Miss Magdalena Winger, and they accordingly were united in marriage in 1840, when they cast their lot in unison to make themselves comfortable and establish themselves a home and family, and born to them are the following:

Michael Witwer married, 1840, near Orville, O., to Magdalena Winger, born March 1, 1814; born to them were: 3 and 4.

Amos Witwer, born May 7, 1841, in Wayne Co., O. 5.
Maria Witwer, born September 28, 1842, in Wayne Co., O. 6.
Susan Witwer, born April 16, 1844, in Wayne Co., O. 7.
Henry Witwer, born September 28, 1845, in Wayne Co., O. 8.
Nancy Witwer, born December 28, 1847, in Wayne Co., O. 9.
Elam Witwer, born February 19, 1849, in Wayne Co., O. 10.
Mattie Witwer, born November 20, 1852, in Wayne Co., O. 11.

Michael Witwer has always lived near Orville from the time, in 1836, when he came to Wayne County, Ohio. There were a few of the Witwer relatives that called on him and paid him a short visit, which he enjoyed, and they had established the relationship between them.

One of these was Frank D. Witwer of Osborn, Ohio, and later of Dayton, Ohio, and they corresponded with each other for a time, but as both are now dead and none of these letters are to be found, the relationship established by them has died with them and is now forever lost.

Michael Witwer lived to a good ripe old age. He died December 28, 1907, aged 94 years, 5 months and 20 days, thus being the oldest Witwer of known record. There are a few of 90, 91 and 92 and quite a number in the eighties, but his record is the oldest of known record, and if the command of promise has anything to do with the longivity of life, he must have been faithful in that he had honored his parents. He and his noble wife were highly respected residents, good neighbors and honorable citizens in the community in which they lived.

AMOS WITWER.

5. Amos Witwer married, October 18, 1864, to Sarah M. Comp, born December 22, 1843; born to them were: 12.

John Willis Witwer, born July 13, 1865, in Wayne Co., O. 13.
Ella C. Witwer, born August 31, 1867, in Wayne Co., O. 14.
Charles Leroy Witwer, born February 23, 1872, in Wayne Co., O. 15.
Frank Day Witwer, born September 13, 1879, in Wayne Co., O. 16.

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Amos Witwer was born May 7, 1841, in Wayne County, Ohio, three miles east of Wooster, the county seat. This vicinity where he was born was then known as Whetstone Hill, but is now known as Honeytown.

When he was about four years of age, he with his parents moved to Baughman Township in Wayne County, Ohio. Then again in 1852 they together moved to Green Township in the same county, known as Paradise, near Orville, O., where they or most of them have lived ever since, especially the father and mother. At the age of 20, Amos started at carpenter work and followed the trade. On November 9, 1867, he received a fall from a church building that they were erecting, which crippled him so that he could not follow the trade of erecting buildings to any advantage. On October 18, 1864, he united in marriage with Sarah M. Comp, and they lived an agreeable and happy life together for 41 years. She died December 26, 1905, aged 62 years and 4 days. He being disabled by broken bones from the fall receilved, he has been working in the Champion Thresher Works, in Orville, O., for many years and is still working there. He is highly respected and a good citizen. He resides in Orville, O.

MARIA WITWER.

6. Maria Witwer married, January 25, 1866, address, Orville, O., to Henry Hunsberger, born April 21, 1840; born to them were: 17.

Emma Hunsberger, born September 1, 1867, in Wayne Co., O. 18.
Nola Hunsberger, born March 27, 1870, in Wayne Co., O. 19.
John Hunsberger, born November 2, 1871, in Wayne Co., O. 20.
William Hunsberger, born August 19, 1874, in Wayne Co., O. 21.
Eugene Hunsberger, born February 14, 1880, in Wayne Co., O. 22.
Harry Hunsberger, born July 27, 1882, in Wayne Co., O. 23.
Anna M. Hunsberger, born Nov. 22, 1885, d. 1886, Wayne Co., O. 24.

Maria Witwer, born in Wayne County, Ohio, September 28, 1842, has always lived near Orville, O., and until but a short time ago they were under the impression that there were but few Witwers and they were about all in Lancaster County, Pa. They are pleased to find that there are so many Witwers, although they do not know what particular relation. But, as she says, they have behaved themselves so well that they do not feel ashamed to acknowledge their record and all they have done. This in itself is conclusive proof of goodness and purity of heart. She says they are Pennsylfony Deitch un dunker, airlich, un ondlich, un bovera garecht tzu lava. Thev are good honorable and respected members of the Church of the Brethren.

SUSAN WITWER.

7. Susan Witwer married, September 1, 1870, address, Orville, O., to Henry Hartman, born October 16, 1841; born to them: 25.

DeGlen Hartman, born August 9, 1874, in Wayne Co., O. 26.

Susan Witwer was born April 16, 1844, in Wayne County, Ohio. She united in marriage with Henry Hartman on September 1, 1870. They

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were in the dry goods business for 15 years, but as her husband's health failed they then sold out and for a time tried to regain his health, and as he seemed a little better, they ventured again into merchandising, but his health was so poor that they could make no success on account of his not being able to attend to business. He soon after died and she sold out as best she could, and as she was always used to hard work she went to keeping boarders for a living. She is an honorable good woman, highly respected, upright and a good neighbor; address, Orville, Ohio.

HENRY WITWER.

8. Henry Witwer never married. He enlisted into Company H of the 120th Regiment O. V. I., and was taken sick through exposure and was sent to the Soldiers' Hospital at St. Louis, Mo., where he died July 25, 1863.

NANCY WITWER.

9. Nancy Witwer married, February 10, 1870, address, Applecreek, O., to Isaac Daniels, born January 22, 1837; born to them were: 27.

Jennie Daniels, born June 16, 1875, in Wooster, O. 28.
Leslie Daniels, born December 16, 1877, in East Union, O. 29.
Mae Daniels, born January 28, 1880, in East Union, O. 30.

Nancy Witwer was born December 28, 1847, in Wayne County, Ohio, and, I am sorry to say, she did not write to tell me anything about herself, and thus not giving an account of herself I am not able to say anything more than that since all the Witwers are good, honorable and upright people she did not feel disposed to say anything. But I am confident she is a nice, respectable, just and upright woman and neighbor. She is a worthy and honorable member of the Lutheran Church.

ELAM WITWER.

10. Elam Witwer married, December 25, 1872, address, Barberton, O., to Alice A. Kosier, born November 13, 1853; born to them were: 31.

Minnie May Witwer, born May 30, 1874, in Smithville, O. 32.
Jennie C. Witwer, born September 20, 1876, in Sterling, O. 33.
Bessie J. Witwer, born December 20, 1881, in Applecreek, O. 34.
Clyde L. Witwer, born July 20, 1884, in Applecreek, O. 35.

Elam Witwer was born February 19, 1849, in Wayne County, Ohio; was united in marriage with Alice A. Kosier, December 25, 1872. Here I would state that I feel confident that Miss Alice was attending High school at Smithville in the fall term of 1869 at the same time I did. I was boarding with Menno Myers, the blacksmith, in the southwestern part of Smithville and I remember her name as one in some of the classes. But as I was boarding at a private place and was quite studious I did not get acquainted to a great extent, and do not know whether she remembers me being there or not. Although I do not distinctly remember that it was Alice A. Kosier, but I would wager a sack of peanuts to a stick of gum that it was she that

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was going to school there at that time. And I will also give an incident of the school there. Prof. Eberley gave us quite a lecture on etiquet and manners, telling the students of the ill manners of going down the street in their shirt sleeves and the like, so the boys got together after the lecture and agreed to watch things and report developments. So on the very Saturday following the professor went out on the street to gather some dust to store away for his horses in the winter, and a few of the boys came and called all the boys they could muster and we went and intercepted him and speedily elected Cornelius Kiefer to make the reprimand speech. When he told the class on Monday morning after roll call how the professor had given us a lecture on manners and etiquet and that on last Saturday we found him like a little boy with his shovel, bare headed and without a coat on, out in the middle of the street playing in the dust. Says he, fellow mates, it is lamentable that our honorable professor has lost his reason and the sooner we attend to taking him to the asylum and have him treated the better, as his case is quite serious, as he has studied so hard in getting up something wherewith to chastize the classmates in manners and etiquet, and then only two days after to find him bare headed and in his shirt sleeves out in the middle of the street playing in the dust. It is so sadly serious, (and he had prepared himself for the occasion with a big red handkerchief and a good sized sponge filled with water), he wiped away the tears that almost flooded the room, which was too much for the class and they burst out in a roar, which spoiled the program that was to impanel a jury and adjudge him insane and so on, but too much water for tears spoiled the program mapped out and it was abandoned.

Now, I have not received the history of Cousin Elam Witwer, but by adding incidents and coincidents I have it all summed up that he was married at or near Smithville, Ohio. But as I have never met the cousin and did not receive any foundation for writing up his history, I will have to pass it up with regret.

JOHN WILLIS WITWER.

13. John Willis Witwer married, September 25, 1895, to Grace A. Shaffer, born July 14, 1860; born to them were: 36.

Ruth Bernice Witwer, born August 25, 1896, at Avalon, Pa. 37.
Leon Amos Witwer, born March 12, 1900, at Orville, O. 38.

John Willis Witwer, born July 13, 1865, at Smithville, Wayne County, Ohio, educated at Smithville Public Schools, entered railroad service October 1, 1882, as telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania lines west at Orrville, Ohio; removed to Pittsburg, Pa., June, 1887, to superintendent's office, in same capacity; promoted to train dispatcher March, 1890. In August, 1906, was appointed chief clerk of superintendent of the Pittsburgh, Chartiers & Youghiogheny railway, in Pittsburg, Pa., to date. Through his strict attendance to his duties and his manner of doing things, adjusting himself to occasions, and performing things as requested with strict integrity

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and faithful service, he has acquired a position which few have the ability to attain. Thus showing his moral worth to be in business qualities beyond the ordinary. He is a man who was able to keep his mouth closed, and his eyes and ears open to the things coming before him and to move and do things at an opportune time, and has thus with persistent efforts attained a standing of business qualities that marks him as a man of ability and intellectual research, that are not commonly found, at least among coal heavers or wood choppers. It is the high quality and strong will power of controlling the subjects and incidents presenting themselves at a time when they are most advantageous, thus proving his worth and which has promoted him to a position of large responsibilities, and unless both his mental and physical capacities were above common he would fail to be able to withhold the high standard attained. It thus proves that he is of more than ordinary capacity and ability.

With this high standard the Witwers of America feel proud to acknowledge their relationship with him and as the relationship of the Witwers of America and even of the old world as diligent search shows many Witwers in Germany and Switzerland, throughout the valley of the River Rheine, through the Palatinate country, where our progenitors hail from about two centuries hence and there are many to be found there yet and we number over 2500 in America, with this vast number of human souls who are liable to err. But in all these we have not been able to find one that was arrested and but one that has ever been in the saloon business, and the honor of finding this black sheep of our flesh belongs to John Willis Witwer, the subject in question. And, with this high standard of reputation of *all the Witwers wherever found*, we feel confident that John Willis Witwer feels a pride in accepting the Witwers as cousins and hail them as his relations. There ars many of us who may seemingly have a rough exterior, uncouth actions and uncultivated manners, but we all possess that true heart within, so do not always take us by our unseemly appearance. But test our true qualities and make allowances for opportunities and possibilities. As the record of the whole Witwer family is so exceedingly pure and grand we feel to a certain extent as being a chosen people, yet we do not wish to boast it for that might bring condemnation upon us. We, therefore, will accept with good grace what the Heavenly Father has done for us and ask the Son to lead us with the Holy Spirit, to continue our works and follow in the footsteps of our antecedent forefathers in maintaining and to elevate the standard by our usefulness and zealous work to do good.

John Willis Witwer is private secretary to J. B. Safford, superintendent of the Pittsburg Chartiers and Youghiogheny Railway Company; office headquarters, Room No. 332, P. and L. E. Depot, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

ELLA C. WITWER.

14. Ella C. Witwer married, February 10, 1891, to William M. Brown, born (date not obtained); no issue. 39.

Ella C. Witwer Brown was born August 31, 1867, in Wayne County, Ohio. She is the secretary of the Witwer and Winger Reunion, which is being held each third Thursday of August each year, and their twelfth annual

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reunion was to be held at Graber Park, near Orville, Ohio, on Thursday, August the nineteenth, A. D. 1909. It was she and the progenitor, Michael Witwer, who organized the reunion and they are the founders of it. She is highly respected, an honorable and upright neighbor and citizen. Address, P. O. Box 190, Orville, O.

CHARLES LEROY WITWER.

15. Charles Leroy Witwer married, 1899, address, 157 Park St., Akron, O., to Gertrude Muschenick, born November 10, 1873; born to them were: 40.

William Donald Witwer, born April 11, 1900, in Akron, O. 41.
Frederick Charles Witwer, born April 17, 1904, in Akron, O. 42.

Charles Leroy Witwer was born February 23, 1872, in Wayne County, Ohio. He is the first one we found of this branch of the Witwer families. We found his name in the city directory of Akron, Ohio. Thereupon we went to investigate as to what branch he was a representative and found that there was quite a large family of them within fifty miles of the old settlement, and that we had been living at this close range for nearly three-quarters of a century and did not know of each other. It is wonderful how some things will terminate at times. They were holding annual reunions every year at Orville, O., and we were holding reunions at Aultman, O., and neither knew of the other until in July of 1908, when by the search as above stated, we found each other and are quite closely related, yet as there is one link still missing, we were not able to establish the exact relationship between us, but do know that it is not beyond the fourth generation. We found Cousin Charles to be of very high standing, influential in his neighborhood and possessing business qualities which mark him to be a man of quality and ability. He holds a railroad position, but as I do not know the exact nature of it, will mention only that he is train dispatcher or telegraph operator, in Okron, O., on the old Broadgauge Railroad. His position may be a very lucrative one and I commend it to be so as I think him to be entitled to it, and I wish to say that I think quite well of him and his nice family. The Mrs. is of such a cheerful nature and a happy mood, which are great essentials in making a happy home for mankind. They reside at No. 157 Park St., Akron, O.

FRANK DAY WITWER.

16. Frank Day Witwer were born September 13, 1878, at Orville, in Wayne County, Ohio. His father wrote me that his children were all married, but Cousin Frank in a letter states that he is single, so I am a little at a loss to know which is the correct of it, and I will therefore leave the cousin in his single blessedness, if that is his choice. But I have an idea that if he really would know the happiness of a lovely, cheerful, good mate he would soon make a change, although he may be perfectly happy and enjoying himself to the limit and we will therefore leave him with such. He resides at 2216 E. 82nd St., Cleveland, O.

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EMMA HUNSBERGER.

18. Emma Hunsberger married, January 29, 1902, address, Orville, O., to Orrin V. Burket, born August 12, 1871; born to them: 43.
Franklin I. Burket, born August 8, 1904, in Lucas Co., O. 44.

They are members of the United Brethren Church.

NOLA HUNSBERGER.

19. Nola Hunsberger married, January 14, 1904, address, Orville, O., to Theron Jay Houghtaling, born April 23, 1854, in Kalamazoo Co., Mich.; born to them were: 45.

Harvey Jay Houghtaling, born January 14, 1906, in Dallas Co., Iowa. 46.
Beatrice Marie Houghtaling, born November 2, 1907, in Dallas Co., Ia. 47.

They are members of the Presbyterian Church. They reside at Grimes, Dallas County, Iowa.

JOHN HUNSBERGER.

20. John Hunsberger married, December 28, 1898, at Richmond, Ind., to Maude E. Watson, born July 5, 1879, at New Richmond, O. 48.

Fay E. Hunsberger, born June 15, 1900, at Elmwood Place, O. 49.
Eugene Hunsberger, born December 21, 1903, at De Belfue, Colo. 51.
Frank Hunsberger, born December 19, 1905, at Crested Butte, Colo. 52.

John Hunsberger was born November 2, 1871, in Wayne Co., O. They reside at Richmond, Ind.

WILLIAM HUNSBERGER.

21. William Hunsberger married, September 30, 1903, address, Orville, O., to Mildred A. Borger, born (no record further). 53.

EUGENE HUNSBERGER.

22. Eugene Hunsberger married, February 4, 1902, address, Orville, O., to Fay Harter, born at Wooster, O.; born to them were: 54.

Virgil Hunsberger, born October 5, 1906, at Barberton, Ohio. 55.
Raynold Hunsberger, born January 17, 1909, at Barberton, Ohio. 56.

DE GLEN HARTMAN.

26. De Glen Hartman married, September 6, 1902, address, Orville, O., to Minnie M. Gardner. 57.

MINNIE MAY WITWER.

28. Minnie May Witwer married November 2, 1900, address, Orville, O., to Charles E. Henderson; born to them were: 58.

Bessie Geneve Henderson, born June 3, 1901, at Orville, O. 59.
Robert C. Henderson, born July 19, 1903, at Orville, O. 60.

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JENNIE C. WITWER.

29. Jennie C. Witwer married, November 30, 1905, at Akron, O., to W. Carl Beckley. 61.

BESSIE J. WITWER.

30. Bessie J. Witwer married, March 16, 1905, address, 510 N. 2nd St., Barberton, O., to Eldon B. Frase. 62.

MAE DANIELS.

35. Mae Daniels married, address, Applecreek, O., to Harry Kaufman, born March, 1879. 63.

WITWER AND WINGER REUNION HISTORY.

As the venerable Michael Witwer had passed the eighty-fifth mile post of his life and still being quite vigorous and active for the many, yea, very many days, weeks, months and years he had passed over—85 years; 1020 months; 4420 weeks; 31,047 days; think of this the many hours he had passed in his life—745,288—and still he was vigorous and active for a man of his mature years.

A desire was expressed by him to his oldest granddaughter, which appealed to him to be the one worthy of his favor that had the aptitude to carry out his wish. That they set aside one day of the year for a gathering of his beloved family and to have a yearly feast and day of merry-making; a day away from the cares of the world. Thus to show her willingness and aptitude she agreed to assist him, and made arrangements and announced the day to be September 1, 1898. Thus it was the day after his oldest granddaughter's thirty-first birthday, and the birthday of his second oldest granddaughter, who was just this day passing her thirty-first mile stone in the sands of time, and also just seven days past his oldest great granddaughter's second birthday.

WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

They at once organized for a permanent association, and they agreed to name it "The Witwer and Winger Reunion," and proceeded to elect their first officers, which are as follows: Amos Witwer, President, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hartman, Vice-President, address, Millersburg, O.; Frank Winger, Secretary, address, Weilersville, O.; Henry Winger, Treasurer, address, Marshallville, O. First Reunion date, September 1, 1898. They had a grand and glorious day, with an attendance of 64. This reunion was held at the home of Henry Hunsberger, near Orville, O., and the venerable Michael and all had a very pleasant day and announced the second reunion to be held at the residence of the secretary, Frank Winger, one year later, September 7, 1899.

SECOND WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Second annual meeting, Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the residence of Frank Winger, near Weilersville, O., September 7, 1899, with good

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attendance and a grand success. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Amos Witwer, President, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hartman, Vice-President, address, Millersberg, O.; Frank Winger, Secretary, address, Weilersville, O.; Henry Winger, Treasurer, address, Marshallville, O. Thus the same officers were re-elected and shows that their services were satisfactory, and the venerable Michael Witwer enjoyed a hearty and happy day with his family. The attendance was 123.

THIRD WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Third annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of Amos Witwer, in Orville, O., on August 30, 1900, with a good attendance and a grand, good time; officers elected for the ensuing year: Amos Witwer, President, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hartman, Vice-president, address, Millersberg, O.; Frank Winger, Secretary, address, Weilersville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable Michael Witwer again present and had a good and happy day with his family. The attendance was 91.

FOURTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Fourth annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of L. E. Conrad, in Weilersville, O., on August 29, 1901, with a grand attendance and time. The officers were unanimously re-elected for the next year: Amos Witwer, President, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hartman, Vice-President, address, Millersberg, O.; Frank Winger, Secretary, address, Weilersville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable Michael Witwer again enjoyed a glorious and happy day with his family, he now being past his eighty-ninth year. The attendance was 110.

FIFTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Fifth annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of Henry Hunsberger, near Orville, O., on August 28, 1902, with a good attendance and a glorious time. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: J. V. Smith, President, address, Wooster, O.; Frank Winger, Vice-President, address, Weilersville, O.; Amos Witwer, Secretary, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable Michael Witwer enjoyed another glorious day with his family. Attendance, 110.

SIXTH WITNER-WINGER REUNION.

Sixth annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of Amos Stoner, near Orville, O., on August 27, 1903, with good attendance and grand time. The officers elected were as follows: Elam Witwer, President, address, Barberton, O.; Martin Winger, Vice-President, address, Cleveland, O.; C. P. Blough, Secretary, address, Smithville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable Michael Witwer passed another very happy day with his family, having passed the ninety-first mile stone. The attendance was 118.

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SEVENTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Seventh annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the residence of Mrs. Henry Hartman, in Orville, O., on August 25, 1904; officers elceted were: Hershel Winger, President, address, Mineral City, O.; C. V. Blough, Vice-President, address, Smithville, O.; Ella Witwer Brown, Secretary, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable Michael Witwer enjoyed another grand day with his family, he having now passed his ninety-second year—four score years and ten, plus two. The attendance was 100.

EIGHTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Eighth annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of Jesse Weidman, near Weilersville, O., on August 31, 1905; officers elected: Henry Winger, President, address, Marshallville, O.; C. P. Blough, Vice-President, address, Smithville, O.; Ella Witwer Brown, Secretary, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable Michael Witwer again enjoyed a very glorious day with his family. Attendance, 100.

NINTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Ninth annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of Levi Conrad, in Smithville, O., on June 21, 1906, with a large attendance and a good time. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: William Hunsberger, President, address, Cleveland, O.; Joseph Myers, Vice-President, address, Akron, O.; Ella Witwer Brown, Secretary, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable Michael Witwer again enjoyed a glorious and happy day with his grand and respected family. The attendance here was the largest yet, 125 present.

TENTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Tenth annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of John Demke, near Orville, O., on June 20, 1907, with a good attendance and a good time. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Frank Winger, President, address, Weilersville, O.; J. V. Smith, Vice-President, address, Wooster, O.; Ella Witwer Brown, Secretary, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. The venerable father, grandfather and great grandfather, Michael Witwer, had another grand and glorious time with his noble and respected family, and as he had now reached close onto his ninety-fourth year of his life, the time could not be of many years more for him to enjoy these yearly gatherings. The attendance here was 107.

ELEVENTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Eleventh annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion was held at the home of Henry Hunsberger, near Orville, O., on August 20, 1908, with a good attendance and grand time. The officers elected for the ensuing year

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were: Frank Winger, President, address, Weilersville, O.; J. V. Smith, Vice-President, address, Wooster, O.; Ella Witwer Brown, Secretary, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O.

Here it was reported that the venerable father, grandfather and great grandfather had passed to the great beyond from whence none return, on December 29, 1907, at the advance age of 94 years, 5 months and 20 days. Thus having lived to be the oldest Witwer on record in the United States of America, and thus showing that Wayne County, Ohio, is a good, healthy country to live in. At this reunion it was reported also that other Witwers were yearly having reunions, year after year and within a radius of less than fifty miles, and this relation is numbering over one thousand souls, all the descendants of Abraham Witwer, born on October 26, 1797, in East Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pa., within two miles of New Holland, and therefore they were born within a radius of less than ten miles of each other, and when they migrated away from the land of their birth they settled within forty miles of each other, in the Buckeye State, and never knew of each other, although my father, Cyrus Witwer, frequently visited in Wooster, O. as Mr. Jacob Adams, of Wooster, was a cousin to my mother, Lydie Clime, whose mother was Maria Adams, and married to Charles Clime, who resided near McDonaldsville, Stark County, Ohio, about seven miles north of Massillon, Ohio. Abraham Witwer came across the Allegheny mountains into Ohio in the year 1844 and bought 160 acres of land in the southeast corner of Summit County, Ohio, thus they were close neighbors, and related from the simple fact that all the Witwers in Lancaster County, Pa., were related as they are all the descendants of one common father. The descendants of Abraham Witwer, who was the father of fourteen children, eleven of whom lived and were married and had families ranging from one to fifteen.

While your ancestor had a family of seven children and only five lived to get married and the largest family of his grand children was only seven, the descendants of your progentor, Michael Witwer, is now numbering sixty-three. The descendants of our progenitor, Abraham Witwer, number over one thousand, there being one thousand thirty-one recorded and some few that were not obtained. With this history to you of your reunions we will now make the annuoncement of your twelfth annual meeting, hoping this to be the greatest and best meeting of all, that since you find the relationship to be so enormous you will find it necessary to hold your meetings at a place where you can accommodate larger crowds than you would be able to at a private home.

TWELFTH WITWER-WINGER REUNION.

Twelfth annual meeting of the Witwer-Winger Reunion will be held at Graber Park, near Orville, Ohio, on Thursday, August 19, 1909. Yourself and family are earnestly invited to be present. Frank Winger, President, address, Weilersville, O.; J. V. Smith, Vice-President, address, Wooster, O.; Ella Witwer Brown, Secretary, address, Orville, O.; Henry Hunsberger, Treasurer, address, Orville, O. This Reunion was not held on account of the smallpox scare, which was prevalent at the time this Reunion was to be held, and is to be held some time later, as annuonced by cards

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of notice. The announcement will be sent out when they can hold their Twelfth Reunion.

This report is made in accordance to a very grand report received from the cousin I never saw, but as I claim to be a little of a character reader by the writing of others, I therefore pronounce Ella C. Witwer Brown to be a noble, highly respected, influential in society, and a good Christian woman and a zealous worker in whatever she will undertake.

In a letter received from Christian Wittwer, Sr., from Wimmis, Bern County, Switzerland, who informs me that there are many Wittwers in Switzerland and are scattered in the different cities and villages of Aeschi, Spiez, Fruitigen, Erdenbach, Dientigen, and many other places. He informs me that to make a list of the families there of the Wittwers would cost a great deal of money as there are so many of them and of so long ago he would not know how far back they originate. But this is very conclusive evidence together with the history of southeastern Pennsylvania, and is an established fact that we are of Swiss descent, and to trace back to find the original progenitor would be a task that would be simply momentous. But that we are Wittwers from the original Swiss descent is therefore established to be a fact and we are therefore blood relation to those arriving from Switzerland in later years. And in tracing back to the first arrivals into the land of Penn, we find that there were some Wittwers who came and landed in southeastern Pennsylvania; as early as 1709 we find a passage in the Lancaster County history as follows: The first resident settlers came about the year 1709. They were Swiss Mennonites and families, from the lower Palatinate, and took up their abode on the northern side of the Pequea creek.

Im Jahr 1709 kamen etliche familien von der Pfalz welche von den vertriebenen Schweizern abstamnten und leissen sich nieder in Lengestern County. Eby's Geschichter der Mennoniten, P. 151.

These were speedily reinforced by new arrivals from the Palatinate and Huguenots and soon quite a number of settlements grew up around them, and the like. But we found this to have been Benjamin Wittwer, agent for the London Land Company, who had sons which are recognized in another part of this work. They were the earliest of the Wittwers known in America, and they were in this first colony that settled there in 1709. But as we were not able to find any link of relationship between these and our ancestor, Michael Wittwer, who came to the land of Penn in North America, in the year 1727, with a colony of immigrants and settled in another part of Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was one of the originators in organizing the Township of Earl and the County of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1729.

Christian Wittwer, Sr., of Wimmis, Bern County, Switzerland, further informs me that the Wittwers there generally live to be quite old and are a hardy people and are as a rule good Christian people, honorable citizens, and he knows of none there that were ever arrested and put in jail.

GABRIEL WITTWER.

1. Gabriel Wittwer, the progenitor of known record to this branch of the Witwer families, at Wimmis, Bern County, Switzerland, who had

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two sons known and had more of a family, but Gabriel, Jr., and Christian Wittwer are all the known ones. 2 and 3.

GABRIEL WITWER, JR.

2. Gabriel Witwer, Jr., had two sons, Johannas (or John) Wittwer, 4, and Jacob Witwer, who still resides in Bern Co., Switzerland. 5.

CHRISTIAN WITWER, SR.

3. Christian Wittwer, Sr., has a son and a daughter. The son is Christian Wittwer, Jr., 6, and was in Chicago, Ill., but did not like America and went back to Switzerland, on June 24, 1909; he is single. The sister, Rosa Witwer, 7, is married to Mr. Nachtigall, 8. They reside at 3255 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.

JOHN WITWER, SR.

4. John Wittwer, Sr., married to Susan Stutdler; born to them: 9.

John Wittwer, Jr., born December 25, 1831, Bern Co., Switzerland. 9.
Susan Wittwer, born 1834, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 11.
Gottlieb Wittwer, born August 27, 1836, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 12.
Jacob Wittwer, born 1838, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 13.
Mary Wittwer, born 1841, in Bern County, Switzerland. 14.
Rudolf Wittwer, born 1843, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 15.
Fred Witwer, born 1846, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 16.
Christian Wittwer, born 1848, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 17.
Peter Wittwer, born 1850, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 18.
David Wittwer, born 1851, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 19.
Lizzie Wittwer, born 1852, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 20.

John Wittwer, Sr., was born near Wimmis, in Bern County, Switzerland, and was married there to Susan Stutdler, and they had eleven children, and in 1853 they migrated with their family to America and settled in the State of Ohio, and shortly after settling there, about three months, he died leaving the mother with the large family, who gave away the smaller children, all except the baby, and she married a Mr. Rolla.

JOHN WITTWER, JR.

10. John Wittwer, Jr., married, April 8, 1855, at Savannah, Mo., to Mary F. Fritchler, born December 5, 1840; born to them were: 21.

Sarah A. Wittwer, born April 20, 1858, in Sabetha, Kans. 22.
Albert Wittwer, born January 18, 1861, in Dubois, Neb. 23.
David A. Wittwer, born July 28, 1865, in Rumsey, Mont. 24.
Fred J. Wittwer, born March 15, 1868, in Seneca, Kans. 25.
Flora R. Wittwer, born December 12, 1870, in Anaconda, Mont. 26.
Alfred R. Wittwer, born November 3, 1873, in Sabetha, Kans. 27.
Orian Wittwer, born January 11, 1876, in Sabetha, Kans. 28.
George E. Wittwer, born December 15, 1878, in Sabetha, Kans. 29.

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Mae F. Wittwer, born April 20, 1880, in Salem, Neb. 30.
Wilda G. Wittwer, born September 25, 1882, in Dawson, Neb. 31.

John Wittwer was born December 25, 1831, in Kanton, Bern County, Switzerland; came with his parents to America at the age of eighteen, and in 1853 he came to Savannah, Mo., where he worked as a blacksmith and here he united in marriage with Mary F. Fritchler, on April 8, 1855, who was born in Kentucky and while quite young came to Savannah, Mo. In 1857 they moved to Richardson County, Neb., and settled on the homestead where he died, February 16, 1908.

SUSAN WITTWER.

11. Susan Wittwer married to Jacob Spring. 32.

They have a family but have not been able to get the names. They reside at Portland, Oregon.

GOTTLIEB WITTWER.

12. Gottlieb Wittwer married to Celestia Hill; born to them: 33.
Edward Wittwer, born September 30, 1873, in Nebraska. 34.
Katie Wittwer, born April 11, 1875, in Nebraska. 35.
Leroy Wittwer, born July 21, 1879, in Nebraska. 36.

Gottlieb Wittwer, born August 27, 1836, near Wimmis, Bern County, Switzerland, when fourteen years old came with his parents to America, and they located near Columbus, Ohio, and he informs me that his only uncle, Jacob Wittwer, still resides in Switzerland and has quite a family, and is living on a farm near Wimmis, Switzerland. Gottlieb Wittwer is a farmer and resides near Humboldt, Nebraska. His son, Edward Wittwer, is a doctor at the City Hospital at St. Louis, Mo. I wrote to him but he did not answer.

JACOB WITTWER.

13. Jacob Wittwer married, May 5, 1870, died in 1882, to Rosa Stauffer, born January 29, 1854; born to them were: 37.
Mary F. Wittwer, born January 29, 1871, (place of birth unobtained). 38.
Emma Wittwer, born March 27, 1872, (place of birth unobtained). 39.
Jacob Samuel Wittwer, born Nov. 29, 1875 (place of birth unobtained). 40.
Sarah Wittwer, born October 27, 1877, (place of birth unobtained). 41.
Charles Fred Wittwer, born Dec. 6, 1879, (place of birth unobtained). 42.

Jacob Wittwer, born 1838, at Wimmis, Bern County, Switzerland, moved with his parents to America and was married and brought up a family and died, 1882, aged 44 years.

MARY WITTWER.

14. Mary Wittwer married to Mr. Ankeny (no other record). 43.

RUDOLF WITTWER.

15. Rudolf Wittwer married (could not obtain his family record although am informed he has a large family. 45.

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FRED WITTWER.

16. Fred Wittwer married to (name not obtained); born to them were: 46.

Edd Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 47.
Lewis Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 48.
Charles Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 49.
Rosa Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 50.
Saloma Witwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 51.
Sophia Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 52.
Rachael Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 53.
Viola Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 54.
Joseph Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 55.
Hiram Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 56.
Peter Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 57.
Henry Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 58.
Isaac J. Wittwer, born at Salem, Richardson Co., Neb. 59.

Fred Wittwer was born near Wimmis, Bern County, Switzerland, in 1846 came to America with his parents when quite young. His father died when he was but eight years old and he was put upon his own resources to make his way in the world. He was ambitious and economical. But as I got just two letters from him before he died; the last letter I got from him was dated January 12, 1909, and a few days after he died, and I have not been able to get any word from his family. He was a farmer and was quite extensively interested in raising blooded stock, stock with a pedigree, stock of various kinds. He was an excellent good man, beloved by all his neighbors.

CHRISTIAN WITTWER.

17. Christian Wittwer married to (name not obtained); born to them were: 60.

Ernest Wittwer, 61; Edward Wittwer, 62; John Wittwer, 63; Charles Wittwer, 64; Fred Wittwer, 65; Christian Wittwer, 66; Eliza Wittwer, 67; Mary Wittwer, 68.

I have not obtained any word from his family; this I got from others and therefore cannot give their history.

PETER WITTWER.

18. Peter Wittwer, married, has wife and family at Barrs Mills, Ohio, but could not get information. 69 and 70.

DAVID WITWER.

19. David Wittwer married to (wife's name not obtained); born to them were: 71.

Ida Wittwer, born April 20, 1874, in Nebraska. 72.
Budd Wittwer, born January 9, 1876, in Nebraska. 73.
Fannie Wittwer, born April 30, 1878, in Nebraska. 74.

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George Wittwer, born February 27, 1880, in Nebraska. 75.
David Wittwer, born April 22, 1882, in Nebraska. 76.
Ottilie Wittwer, born July 13, 1884, in Nebraska. 77.

David Wittwer resides somewhere in the vicinty of Pawnee City, Neb.

LIZZIE WITTWER.

20. Lizzie Wittwer married, 1879, address, Bern, Kans., to Jacob Krainbill, born 1853; born to them are: 78.

Albert Krainbill, born 1880, in Nemaha Co., Kans. 79.
Fred Krainbill, born 1882, in Nemaha Co., Kans. 80.
Milton Krainbill, born 1884, in Nemaha Co., Kans. 81.
Sarah Krainbill, born 1888, in Nemaha Co., Kans. 82.

Lizzie Wittwer born in Bern County, Switzerland, in 1852, was brought with her parents to America in 1853, and the father died soon after arriving in this country, consequently she knows nothing of her father nor the old country, only what she has gathered from others. But she has sent me some very valuable information. She was the first one of this relationship to answer my letters in the search for the Phares Witwer family and she sent me some very valuable data. Through her assistance I was able to prove beyond any doubt that we are of Swiss descent. She is a noble woman, highly respected in her community.

SARAH A. WITTWER.

22. Sarah A. Wittwer married, January 1, 1878, to Amos A. Waters, born December 7, 1854; born to them were: 83.

Stella Waters, born December 12, 1880. 84.
Lela Waters, born November 24, 1882. 85.
Maud Waters, born April 15, 1887. 86.
Narma Waters, born November 16, 1892. 87.
Ada Waters, born September 14, 1895. 88.

ALBERT WITTWER.

23. Albert Wittwer married, January 15, 1908, to Lydia Velmick; no other record. 89.

DAVID A. WITTWER.

24. David A. Wittwer married, January 10, 1892, died November 24, 1896, to Sennie Jensen; born to them: 90.
Dortha Wittwer, born March 4, 1893, at Ramsey, Mont. 91.

FRED J. WITWER.

25. Fred J. Wittwer married, March 3, 1892, address, Seneca, Kans., to Jennie M. Peake, born 1864; born to them were: 92.

Coral F. Witwer, born July 30, 1893, in Nemaha Co., Neb. 93.
Gladys E. Witwer, born December 24, 1896, in Nemaha Co., Neb. 94.

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FLORA R. WITWER.

26. Flora R. Witwer married, January, 31, 1896, to Cary M. Howard, born December 13, 1870; born to them: 95.

Domer L. Howard, born (adopted). 96.

ALFRED R. WITTWER.

27. Alfred R. Witwer married, June 28, 1899, address, Sabetha, Kans., to Laura Sharrah, born July 12, 1876; born to them were: 97.

Meda J. Witwer, born January 5, 1900, at Richardson Co., Neb. 98.
J. Thorwald Witwer, born January 26, 1905, at Talmage, Kans. 99.

GEORGE E. WITTWER.

29. George E. Wittwer married, April 11, 1907, address, Sabetha, Kans., to Mattie Stalder, born August 14, 1882; born to them: 100.

R. Nadine Wittwer, born May 17, 1908, in Richardson Co., Neb. 101.

MAE F. WITTWER.

30. Mae F. Wittwer married, November 27, 1902, to Charles B. Emmert; born to them 102.

Leon V. Emmert, born January 3, 1905. 103.

WILDA G. WITTWER.

31. Wilda G. Wittwer married, February 11, 1908, to Hiram Wittwer. 104.

MARY F. WITTWER.

38. Mary F. Wittwer married, March 7, 1897, to J. A. Kenedy, born (dates and record not obtained). 105.

EMMA WITTWER.

39. Emma Wittwer married, November 23, 1890, to Robert Eddie, born (record not obtained). 106.

JACOB SAMUEL WITTWER.

40. Jacob Samuel Wittwer married, June 24, 1903, address, Bern, Kans., to Theodosia B. Lehmann, born July 1, 1881; born to them: 107.

Velma Maurine Wittwer, born May 31, 1904, at Bern, Kans. 108.
Paul Archibald Wittwer, born June 25, 1908, at Bern, Kans. 109.

SARAH WITTWER.

41. Sarah Wittwer married, October 21, 1903, to Charles Porter, (no record received). 110.

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Emmery Wittwer, address, Humboldt, Neb.
Orian T. Wittwer, address, Sabetha, Kans.

There are quite a number of these that I could not get to answer my inquiry, as I think in part they were not interested to know the relationship or not caring about them and another point because I use only one "t" in my name, they told me that they were not of the same family relation and thus they would not give me their history, and my efforts were in vain.

JOHANNAS or JOHN WITTWER.

1. Johannas or John Wittwer married to Elizabeth Tschanz, born in Kurzenberg Lingen by Thun in Heimenschwand Schweiz; born to them: 2. Christian Wittwer, born June, 1838, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 3.

Jacob Wittwer, born 1840, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 4.
John Wittwer, born 1842, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 5.
Carl Wittwer, born 1844, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 6.
Fred Wittwer, born 1845, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 7.
Gottlieb Wittwer, born 1847, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 8.
Gottfried Wittwer, born 1849, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 9.
Marianna Wittwer, born 1850, in Bern Co., Switzerland. 10.

Johannas or John Wittwer was born about 1812, in Bern County, Heimenschwand, Switzerland, and was a direct descendant from the original hardy stock of the Wittwers who still inhabit the old stamping grounds where we all originally came from and through the persecutions of the dark ages some of our people were forced to migrate to the land of Penn in the new world, as described earlier in this work. But these people have withstood the persecutions and later determined to come to the land of the free and the home of the brave.

In a letter received from John Carl Wittwer, of Gr. Friedricksdorf, East Prussia, in Germany, I received the above family record and you will take notice that his father was Christian Wittwer, No. 3, who was born in June, 1838, in Heimenschwand by Thun, (Schweiz) in Switzerland; died in Rucken, East Prussia, on March 1, 1907, and his mother is still residing at that place.

His great grandfather's name also was the same as his grandfather, Johannas or John Wittwer, and born in Heimenschwand, Bern County, Switzerland. His grandmother, Elizabeth Tschanz, was born in Kurzenberg Lingen Schweiz.

John Carl Wittwer was born in East Switzerland, in the Canton Thurgan, on September 26, 1863. He has an Uncle Carl Wittwer, Number Six, above, who lives at 1403 Page St., Toledo, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Maria Akerman, at Cass City, Mich.; another sister, Eliza Fah who lives in Cuneo, Italy, via Roma No. 34. His brother, Frederick Wittwer, in Oschka, a few kilometers from Friedrichsdorf, East Prussia. His brother John lives in Norwescheiten, also close by, and Alvin Ernest Wittwer is a doctor at Auburn, Mich., and his youngest brother, Edward A. Wittwer, is in Medenan, by Komgsberg, Schweiz.

He also informs me that there is a Samuel Witwer in Pigron, Mich.

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I wrote to him twice, but I have not received any answer as yet. He further informs me that there are many Wittwers in the Schweiz.

CHRISTIAN WITTWER.

3. Christian Wittwer married, 1862, to Magdalena Zurcher, born 1840, in Aeschle, Schweiz; born to them were: 11.

John Carl Wittwer, born September, 26, 1863, East Switzerland, Canton Thurgan. 12.

Maria Wittwer, born about 1865, East Switzerland, Canton Thurgan. 13.

Christian Wittwer, Jr., born about 1866, East Switzerland, Canton, Thurgan. 14.

Eliza Wittwer, born about 1867, East Switzerland, Canton Thurgan. 15.

Frederick Wittwer, born about 1869, East Switzerland, Canton, Thurgan. 16.

John Wittwer, born about 1871, East Switzerland, Canton Thurgan. 17.

Alvin Earnest Wittwer, born about 1873, East Switzerland, Canton Thurgan. 18.

Edward A. Wittwer, born 1875, East Switzerland, Canton Thurgan. 19.

Christian Wittwer never was in America; he died in Rucken, East Prussia, Germany, March 1, 1907, aged 69 years.

CARL WITTWER.

6. Carl Wittwer married, address, 1403 Page St., Toledo, O., to Margurita Kupfer; born to them were: 20.

Martha Wittwer, born in Barswand Kurzenberg, Schweiz. 21.

Bertha Wittwer, born in Barswand Kurzenberg, Schweiz. 22.

Rose Wittwer, born in Barswand Kurzenberg, Schweiz. 23.

Emma Wittwer, born in Barswand Kurzenberg, Schweiz. 24.

Emil Wittwer, born in Barswand Kurzenberg, Schweiz. 25.

Arthur Wittwer, born in Barswand Kurzenberg, Schweiz. 26.

Earl Edward Wittwer, born July 4, 1866, in Barswand Kurzenberg, Schweiz. 27.

MARIANNA WITTWER.

10. Marianna Wittwer married to Mr. Doldr (no other record). 28.

JOHN CARL WITTWER.

12. John Carl Witwer married, address, Friedrichsdorf, Ost. Pr., to Pauline Caroline Hirzel; born to them were: 29.

Saloma Elizabeth Wittwer, born December 6, 1888, at Ruth, Mich. 30.

Pauline Anna Wittwer, born December 16, 1890, at Ruth, Mich. 31.

John Carl Wittwer, born September 26, 1863, in East Switzerland, in the Canton Thurgan, was living for some time at Ruth, Mich., but is at present in the old country, and his address is Gr. Friedrichsdorf, East Prussia, Germany.

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MARIA WITTWER.

13. Maria Wittwer married, October 27, 1884, address, Cass City, Mich., to William T. Akerman, born May 6, 1858; born to them: 32.

Amalie M. Akerman, born September 10, 1885, Sanilac Co., Mich. 33.
Ester T. Akerman, born February 12, 1888, in Sanilac Co., Mich. 34.
Mary P. Akerman, born July 19, 1889, in Sanilac Co., Mich. 35.

Maria Wittwer Akerman, born about 1865, in East Switzerland, in the Canton Thurgan, emigrated to America and settled at Cass City, Delaware Township, Sanilac County, Michigan. She informs me that her father, Christian Wittwer, and one of his brothers went back to the old country, as they did not like America. Dr. Earnest Wittwer, of Auburn, Mich., and she has an uncle, Carl Wittwer, at 1403 Page St., Toledo, O., and his son, Carl Edward Wittwer, at 149 Lockwood Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. She confessed that she enjoyed very much to hear that there are so many Wittwers in America and that they were such good people, for says she they are all good people in the Schweiz and there are many Wittwers there.

ELIZA WITTWER.

15. Eliza Wittwer married to Mr. Fah, resides in Italy. 36.

MARTHA WITTWER.

21. Martha Wittwer married to Mr. Drueg; they reside at the corner of Lawrence and Nessle Streets, in Toledo, O. 37.

BERTHA WITTWER.

22. Bertha Wittwer married to Mr. Silwold, and they reside at Central and Detroit Avenues, Toledo, O. 38.

ROSE WITTWER.

23. Rose Wittwer married to Mr. Vance, 1227 Paxton St., Toledo, O. 39.

CARL EDWARD WITTWER.

Carl Edward Wittwer married, April 12, 1894, to Emma Berner, born February 14, 1873; born to them were: 40.

Norman Carl Wittwer, born January 6, 1895, at Galesburg, Ill. 41.
Clara Wittwer, born November 25, 1898, at Buffalo, N. Y. 42.

Carl Edward Wittwer was born July 4, 1866, in Barschwand Kurzenberg Canton, Bern County, Switzerland. He is a stationer with the Lackawanna Steel Company; at Buffalo, N. Y., and is a member of the South Park United Presbyterian Church, and informs me that his father is a member of the Methodist Church. He also says that he knows of no Wittwers that ever were arrested or of none that were in the saloon business. But all the Wittwers he knows are good honorable and worthy citizens, and in general good church members and devout Christians.

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LETTER NO. I.

Through the kindness and interest taken by Mrs. Lizzie Wittwer Krainbill, of Bern, Kansas, who informed me that they came from Wimmis, Bern County, Witzerland, but that they came to this country in 1853, and she was born in 1852, consequently does not know anything about the old country only from what she heard from her brothers and sisters. So I wrote a letter to Mr. Wittwer at Wimmis, Bern County, Switzerland, and enquired if they could find there the names of Michael Wittwer, Jacob Wittwer and Elizabeth Wittwer, being two brothers and a sister, born some time between 1690 and 1720, in Switzerland, and if they could find those names to find the names of the rest of the family and the name of the father and mother of this family.

On March 24, 1909, I received a letter from Chicago, Ill., as follows:

"Mr. A. C. Witwer, Dear Sir:—Referring to your letter, dated February 14, 1909, which came in the hands of my father, Mr. Christian Wittwer, in Wimmis, Bern Schweiz. He being the oldest of the Wittwers there at present time, I enclose here a certified paper from the county clerk of Wimmis, where you can see that my father took up the matter and found no such names as Michael, Jacob and Elizabeth Wittwer. My father says there are so many towns around Wimmis where the name Wittwer appears, and as there are so many Wittwers there in these towns of Aeshi, Spiez, Frutigen, Erdenbach, Diemtigen and many more. My father would look up the books alright, but he said it cost him already two dollars to get any information from the books in Wimmis, because it being so long time ago it takes a day to find the right books. If you are willing to pay for the expenses you can write to my father and he will try to give you the correct information which you are looking for. My father's address is:

Christian Wittwer, Sr.,
Wimmis, Bern, Switzerland.

I have a brother here with me and he is going to Switzerland on June 24th. He would like to come out to see you if your town is not too far out of the way; his name is Christian Wittwer, Jr. Now if I can be of any use in this case you may write to me. I am,

MRS. ROSA NACHTIGALL,
3255 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill."

I answered this letter and at the same time wrote to her fahter and sent him a postoffice money order for the $2.00, and sent her a self-addressed and stamped envelope and register sheet to fill out to return to me and that is the last of it. I have not heard from her since.

JOHN WITWER.

1. John Witwer married to Barbara Merner; born to them were: 2. Samuel Witwer, born in Canada. 3. John Witwer, born in Canada. 4. Frederick Witwer, born in Canada. 5. Susanna Witwer, born in Canada. 6. Mary Witwer, born in Canada. 7.

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John Witwer was born in Bern County, Switzerland; they came to Canada.

SAMUEL WITWER.

3. Samuel Witwer married to Mary Geiger; born to them were: 8

Daniel E. Witwer, born in Canada. 9.
Lovina E. Witwer, born in Canada. 10.
Sarah M. Witwer, born in Canada. 11.
Barbara A. Witwer, born in Canada. 12.
Eldwin Roy Witwer, born in Canada. 13.
Susie C. Witwer, born in Canada. 14.
Wesley M. Witwer, born in Canada. 15.

These all reside at 402 Sixth Street, Detroit, Mich. By what I am able to find out these are related to the Wittwers of the descendants of Johannas Wittwer, but I was not able to get the link on account that several would not answer my letters and my efforts were all in vain to obtain the link. Mr. Daniel E. Witwer sent me the address of Dr. Ernest Witwer, of Bay City, Mich., and Miss Pauline Anna Witwer, of Ann Arbor, Mich., so by that I am of the opinion that they are related. Through the good will and interest taken in the Witwer relations by John Willis Witwer, private secretary to the superintendent of the Pittsburg Chartiers and Youghiogheny Railway Company, Mr. J. B. Safford, Supt., Room No. 332 P. & L. E. Depot, at Pittsburg, Pa. Cousin John Willis Witwer had access to a lot of city directories from quite a lot of different cities and he sent me lists of Witwer names and the addresses through which I obtained the above list and quite a number of others and it was a great help. But as there are so many who do not answer the letters; there are many who refused to pay any attention to my request to send in their family records.

BENJAMIN WITWER (1).

This Witwer family seems to have been persons of distinction in early times, as this Benjamin Witwer was an agent for the London Land Company and received two hundred and sixty-five acres of land from the London Land Company for services to the Company, in 1722. This land was situated on both sides of the provincial road, and the Horseshoe road was laid out through this land, thus where the Horseshoe road crosses the provincial road is where this land lies. In 1746 this land passed by will into the possession of his son, John Witwer (2), and as this Benjamin Witwer was an alien his son John had his patent confirmed by the Honorables John and Richard Penn, under the governorship of James Hamilton, in the year 1762. This John Witwer died in the year 1790 and by will left this land to his sons, Henry Witwer (3) and Abraham Witwer (4). There is a fine stone house on this land which is still being used as a dwelling house. This property was built, as it says in the Lancaster County, Pa., history, by Henry Witwer and Martin Witwer (5), in the year of 1773. Henry Witwer moved to the city of Lancaster and sold this land to his brother, Abraham Witwer (6), who also resided in Lancaster, Pa., and the deed is

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dated April 15, 1806. Abraham was the grandson of Benjamin Witwer, who settled upon the London tract of land of 265 acres, which is about one mile east of the Conestoga creek. I also notice that this Benjamin Witwer emigrated from Switzerland and the Pallatinate country with a colony of others which were Swiss Mennonites and they settled near the Conestoga creek in the year 1717. But in this same history it shows that there was a colony settled near this place in 1709 and there was a Witwer in this colony, but as there is no Witwer mentioned in the colony that arrived in 1717 it is therefore reasonable to believe that Benjamin Witwer came in 1709 and by reason of having the agency for the London Land Co., settled in another part of the country and away from the colony with which he came to America, and as this London tract is in Lampeter Township. In Manor Township we find there were several Witwers—John Wittwer (2), Jacob Wittwer (7), Michael Wittwer, Peter Wittwer, Sr., (8), Peter Wittwer, Jr., (9), in the year 1780. Now of these we have the record of none of them as all the Wittwers we have the record of were in Earl Township. Then as we go on further we find Benedict Witwer (10), in East Donegal Township, in the year 1807, which we have no record of. So with this history we are constrained to believe that there are still a few more chapters to be added to our history of the Witwers of America. But as the Cousins are so anxious to get the work accomplished into print and also on account that I have not the means to go and collect all this history and unravel the mixed up threads and as I can see no way of getting any remuneration out of it, I do not see my way clear to fathom this matter and will have to await developments. I have also found that there are at the present time Witwers scattered all through Lancaster and Berks Counties, and I wrote to them, but they are of the kind of people that never write any letters, thus I am thwarted in my endeavors to get their records. There is W. C. Witwer, Kissel Hill, Pa., (11); Witwer, Lititz, Pa., (12); Harry Witwer, Plow Tavern, Pa., (13); Lou Witwer, Bowmansville, Pa., (14); Benjamin Witwer, Goodville, Pa., (15); Jacob Witwer, Sensenig, Pa., (16); Henry Witwer, Paradise, Pa., (17); Witwer, Terre Hill, Pa., (18); Mr. Witwer, Rheinholds Station, Pa., (19); Mr. Witwer, Gouglersville, Pa., (20); Mr. Witwer, Allegheny, Berks Co., Pa., (21); Edd Wittwer, Montecello, Wis., (22); Samuel Witwer, Pigeron, Mich., (23); Carl Wittwer, 1410 Page Street, Toledo, O., (24); Mr. Witwer, Cincinnati, O., (25).

Thus you see there are many Witwers that we know of and have traced up but as I can not induce them to write to me and give an account of themselves what am I to do now in our genealogical record. The descendants number 2271; Orville, O., 63; from Switzerland, 110; Palatinate, 103; Wimmis, Switzerland, 65; Canada, 15; the above 25; total, 2652.

A MAN AMONG MEN.

Mr. Edward J. Witwer, builder, banker, investor and all-round business man, with social qualities of a Christian gentleman, one of the leading and deservingly popular citizens of Adelphi, Ohio. The president of the Adelphi Banking Co., an honor he has earned through his untiring efforts

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and constant labors in behalf of this successful enterprise. Through his efforts and high standing as a man of integrity, $25,000, of this bank's stock has been sold and placed on a dividend earning basis, although of but short duration. Mr. Wittwer has the confidence of the people of his community. He is a man of business and enterprise, a lofty Christian character, a social citizen. As a member of the firm of Wittwer Brothers he has made some turns in finance that would be creditable to the Lords of Finance. He holds many responsible positions in the business world, where he is recognized as careful and prudent and with all successful. Associated with him is his brother, John H. Wittwer, fully as well known, who shares with his brother the unstinted confidence of their neighbors and towns people. Wittwer Brothers have extensive real estate interests in Chillicothe, Lancaster and Columbus, and farms in several of the adjoining counties, and extensive investments in West Virginia coal and ore holdings. They have assisted in the incorporation of four companies in Ohio and West Virginia, and Edward is an officer in each. He is president of the Adelphi Cement and Concrete Co., secretary of one of West Virginia's coal companies, and a director in the Coalram Building and Loan Association. He is also connected with the M. E. Church of Adelphi, the Epworth League, Sunday School—in each of these he holds an office, a charter member of Adelphi Lodge of Knights of Pythias, member of the F. and A. M.

As a student in his younger days, Mr. Witwer was not idle. After receiving the usual learning in Adelphi High school, he attended Normal School at Ada, and later at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. Too deep attention to study brought on nervous prostration, which compelled him to relax for a term. Determined, however, to receive an education, he went south and attended a term of two winters at U. S. Grant University, at Athens, Tenn.

Mr. Witwer has also had much experience as a traveler, and in his younger days was known as an endurance bicycle rider, when he had nothing but the high wheel cycle. In 1887 he rode such a wheel from Adelphi, across the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa and return, in all over 3,000 miles. He had planned a trip around the world on a bicycle, as an advertisement for a large wheel firm, which had solicited his services, but was induced by the other members of the family to abandon the project. In 1900 Mr. Wittwer spent the summer abroad, visiting Scotland, England, the World's Fair at Paris, and then to Switzerland and Austria, and witnessed the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and then on to Bavaria and Germany. He has compiled a lecture on the interesting developments of his tour, which he has been asked to repeat many times. As a working man, Mr. Wittwer has few equals, being associated with his brother in the building business, of building houses. He has assisted in all parts of the work of erection, from the shovel and wheel barrow to the plumbing of the house.

The Witwer estate has never been divided, and never will be as long as one of the family survives. They have one general fund, from which each member draws for necessaries, without questioning the other. The two brothers work together, as few brothers do, and consult their sister and wives on every deal of importance. The family have assisted many heads of families to buy homes in their midst and elsewhere, without a cent of remuneration

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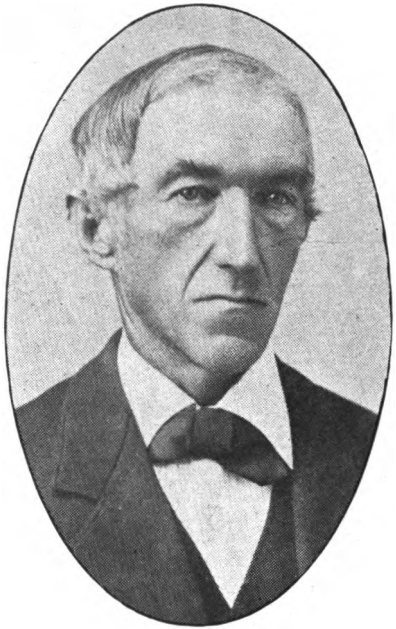

JOHN WITTWER
FATHER

EDWARD J. WITTWER
ADELPHI, OHIO

JOHN H. WITTWER
COLUMBUS, OHIO

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asked for such services. They have always maintained a liberal policy in aiding the Church, the deserving poor and home enterprises. They have a horror of going in debt and when a debt is contracted do not rest until the same is liquidated. Edward J. Wittwer, the principal subject of this sketch, was born of Swiss parentage, in 1868, in the house where he now resides, with wife, daughter and sister, Miss Lena Wittwer. He married July, 14, 1897, to Mary P. Nolan, of Newark, N. Y. They have one daughter, Grace Marie Wittwer, born July 28, 1898. Edward J. Wittwer's father, John Wittwer, and wife, the mother, were both born near Spiez, in Bern Co., Switzerland, and they immigrated to Adelphi, Ohio, where they settled and prospered.

JOHN WITTWER.

1. John Wittwer married to Marie Lortscher; born to them: 2.

Edward J. Wittwer, born 1868. 3.
John H. Witwer. 4.
Carolina Witwer, born August 19, 1857. (See below.) 5.
Lydia Wittwer, dead. 6.
Mary Wittwer, dead. 7.

John Wittwer was born near Spiez, in Bern Co., Switzerland, and emigrated to America in 1850, and he landed at Chilecothe, Ohio. When arriving there he had $2.00 of money left and his shoes worn out. He moved to Adelphi in 1865 and went into the furniture and undertaking business; was of the highest integrity, clean Christian man, member of the Evangelical Church. He died August 18, 1898.

JOHN H. WITTWER.

John H. Wittwer married October 3, 1899, to Elizabeth Koch, born August 29, 1868; born to them were:

Mary Marjorie Wittwer, born May 18, 1901.
Caroline Pauline Wittwer, born August 14, 1902.

Their residence is at 1232 Forsythe Street, Columbus, Ohio; is quite extensively in the building business, lumber yard, etc.

CAROLINA WITWER.

Carolina Wittwer, born August 19, 1857, in Chilecothe, Ohio, never married; is a worthy and highly respected member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Adelphi, Ohio. She resides with her brother, Edward J. Wittwer, and family. The property of the father and grandfather has never been divided and they expect it ever to remain in that way—to be held in common by all, and all use what they need without asking any of the rest. As this article came in so late we were not able to trace the relationship, but we are sure of having the record of some of their relation, and we are sure of being distant cousins as all Wittwers and Witwers are of the same common father.

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ELIZABETH WITTWER.

1. Elizabeth Wittwer, born in Fruitigen Co., Switzerland; the father's name not received; born to them: 2.

Karl Otto Moreland Wittwer, born June 14, 1818, in Aeshey, Fruitigen Co., Switzerland, and was the only child. 3.

KARL OTTO MORELAND WITTWER.

3. Karl Otto Moreland Wittwer married to Barbara Zwiflich; born to them were: 4.

John Wittwer, born (date not received). 5.
David Solomon Wittwer, born (date not received). 6.
Christian C. Wittwer, born June 24, 1857. 7.
Mary Ann Wittwer, born (date not received). 8.
Dina Wittwer, born (date not received). 9.
Anna Wittwer, born (date not received). 10.
Elizabeth Wittwer, born (date not received). 11.

JOHN WITTWER.

5. John Wittwer married, address, Berne, Ind., to (name not received); born to them were: 12.

William Wittwer, born November 18, 1872, in Bern, Ind. 13.
Rachael Wittwer, born March 5, 1874, in Bern, Ind. 14.
Samuel Wittwer, born February 1, 1876, in Bern, Ind. 15.
Menno Simon Wittwer, born April 1, 1878, in Bern, Ind. 16.
Hiram Wittwer, half brother, (date not received). 17.
Emma Wittwer, half sister, (date not received). 18.

DAVID SOLOMON WITWER.

6. David Solomon Wittwer married, address, Bern, Ind., to (name not received); born to them were: 19.

Rosina Wittwer, born November 15, 1880, in Bern, Ind. 20.
Ada Wittwer, born May 24, 1883, in Bern, Ind. 21.
David Ernest Wittwer, born March 26, 1886, in Bern, Ind. 22.
George Gustavus Wittwer, born March 10, 1889, in Bern, Ind. 23.
Arthur Conrad Wittwer, born September 28, 1892, in Bern, Ind. 24.

CHRISTIAN C. WITTWER.

7. Christian C. Wittwer married to (name not obtained). 25.

Aldine Wittwer, born June 22, 1888, Adams Co., Ind. 51.
Noah Wittwer, born October 4, 1889, Adams Co., Ind. 52.
Sarah Wittwer, born February 22, 1891, Adams Co., Ind. 53.
Edward Wittwer, born September 23, 1892, Adams Co., Ind. 54.
Otto Wittwer, born September 13, 1894, Adams Co., Ind. 55.
Amos Wittwer, born March 11, 1896, Adams Co., Ind. 56.

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Adolf Wittwer, born November 5, 1897, Adams Co., Ind. 57.
Albert Wittwer, born December 14, 1899, Allen Co., Ind. 58.
Edna Wittwer, born December 20, 1901, Allen Co., Ind. 59.
Levi Wittwer, born January 13, 1904, Allen Co., Ind. 60.
Jesse Wittwer, born January 24, 1906, Adams Co., Ind. 61.

MARY ANNA WITTWER.

8. Mary Anna Wittwer married (dates not received) to Mr. Bracker. The record of this family not received. 26.

DIANA WITTWER.

9. Dianna Wittwer married to Mr. Arn, but received no other record. 27.

ANNA WITTWER.

10. Anna Wittwer married to Peter C. Moser, but as no further record was received we are not able to give full family record, as we would like to do. 28.

ELIZABETH WITTWER.

11. Elizabeth Wittwer married (no date received) to Mr. Roth (no other record). 29.

WILLIAM WITTWER.

13. William Wittwer married (date not received) to (name not received); born to them were: 30.

Pearl Frances Wittwer, born (no date) at Bern, Ind. 31.
Lena Grace Wittwer, born (no date) at Bern, Ind. 32.
Gladys May Wittwer, born (no date) at Bern, Ind. 33.
Mabel Mary Wittwer, born (no date) at Bern, Ind. 34.
Palmer Wittwer, born (no date) at Bern, Ind. 35.
Dorotha Wittwer, born (no date) at Bern, Ind. 36.

RACHAEL WITTWER.

14. Rachael Wittwer married (no date received) to Mr. Sprunger; born to them were: 37.

Meta Sprunger, born (date not received). 38.
Arnold Sprunger, born (date not received). 39.
Sevilla Sprunger, born (date not received). 40.
Calvin Sprunger, born (date not received). 41.
Carolina Sprunger, born (date not received). 42.
Cora Sprunger, born (date not received). 43.
Estella Sprunger, born (date not received). 44.
Etna Newkomm, born (date not received). 45.
Reno Newkomm, born (date not received. 46.
Florence Newkomm, born (date not received). 47.

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ROSINA WITTWER.

20. Rosina Wittwer married to Mr. Liechty; born to them: 48.

Carol Judith Liechty, born at Monroe, Ind. 49.
Edgar Gregg Liechty, born at Monroe, Ind. 50.

The above were received too late to classify with the others, and as we have not time to get their history and further record, we will have to pass this with the meager report received, and also on account of not having received any further record, and as this has not been verified, I do not know the authenticity of it, but give it as my best efforts from what I received. Respectfully,

ANANIAS C. WITWER, Genealogist.

THE MENNONITE CHURCH.

The Mennonite Church claims, and with good reason to be the oldest Protestant church now existing. Through her doctrines and teachings she traces her origin and descent back to the days of the Apostles. Those who will carefully and with unprejudiced minds study her history will readily be convinced of the truth of this statement. A gentleman of the legal profession, who has since become widely known as author, judge and governor of his native state, once asked the writer what would be asked of him if he should desire to become a member of the Mennonite Church; and as it is desired that in this article a synopsis of the doctrines, teachings and practices of the Mennonite Church be presented, the writer takes pleasure in setting forth, as well as may be, a number of points, which will at least in part answer the question propounded by the governor.

When Philip, one of the seven first deacons of the Apostolic Church, met the Etheopian on his way home, and explained to him the prophecies concerning Christ, which he was reading, the Etheopian said, "See here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized." Philip replied, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." Then said the Etheopian, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Mennonites believe and teach that without faith it is impossible to please God, and they accept the Bible, the Old and New Testament Scriptures, as God's revealed will to Mankind. In accordance with the teachings of this word they believe in one, only, almighty, eternal and true God, as the Creator and Preserver of Heaven and earth and all visible and invisible things.

They also believe in Jesus Christ, as the only begotten Son of God; that he is the only Savior of mankind; that he suffered and died upon the cross and gave Himself as a ransom for our sins, that through Him we might have eternal life.

They also believe in the Holy Ghost, which proceedeth from the Father and the Son; that He is an abiding comforter, sanctifies the hearts of men, and guides them into all truth.

They further believe that God created man in His own Image, upright and pure; that through disobedience and transgression our first parents, Adam and Eve, fell and lost their first estate, and thereby sin entered into the world, and death by sin. "So that death passed upon all men, for that

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all have sinned." And thereby they incurred the wrath and condemnation of God and brought upon themselves a condition of utter ruin and estrangement from their Creator, so that they could neither help themselves nor be helped by any of their descendants, nor by angels, nor by any other creature in heaven or in the earth, nor could they by any of these means be redeemed or reconciled to God, and had not God made provision for their restoration through Jesus Christ, they would have had to be lost forever.

They further believe that God so loved the whole human race, who had fallen into sin and condemnation through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, that he sent into the world His only begotten Son, that all who believe in Him, look to Him for salvation and become His obedient followers, should not perish, but be redeemed and saved and made heirs of eternal glory.

This blessed condition of favor with God is attained by true repentance of and a godly sorrow for our sins; by ceasing to do evil and learning to do well, by accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer, by submitting ourselves to all his commandments and teachings and in all things living an honest, sincere, pure and consecrated life and enduring therein unto the end.

Concerning the ordinances they believe in and practice baptism with water by pouring or sprinkling, as the emblem of being cleansed from sin by the blood of Jesus, shed for the remission of sins, and the sign or seal of the covenant, we make with God to live an obedient and submissive life to his glory and to our salvation.

Baptism, however, is administered only to those who have sincerely repented and experienced a change of heart. For this reason they do not under any circumstances recognize the baptism of infants as a scriptural baptism. They observe the communion of the Lord's Supper and commemorate the sufferings and death of our Savior by partaking of bread and wine as the visible emblems of the broken body and the shed blood sacrificed on the cross as a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. In connection with communion the ordinance of feet washing is also observed as a sign of humility and brotherly love.

The Mennonite people also do not justify war and blood shed. They believe it is contrary to the teachings and the spirit of the Gospel to take human life in any way. They believe that even in capital punishment the taking of human life cannot be justified with the Gospel. The filling of offices under the civil government which require the exercise of force or violence in any form they believe is wrong. Matt. 5:43-46.

They do not swear an oath, but on the contrary affirm in accordance with Matthew 5:33-37.

They are required to be subject to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake as the Apostle directs, so far as the ordinances of man do not militate against the commands and the teachings of Christ, and in all things show their sincerity, loyalty and faithfullness as law abiding citizens, as far as the higher law of God and the Gospel of Christ are not violated.

His principle so concientiously adhered to by the Mennonite people during the times of persecution was the reason that so many thousands were compelled to sacrifice heir possessions, their country and their lives, but they chose to suffer affliction and persecutions with the people of God for a season,

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rather than enjoy the pleasures and enjoyments of the world and the flesh and lose the inheritance in glory.

Many other things might be added in reference to the faith of the Mennonite people, but that the article may not become too long we will close and some who may desire further information are referred to the little work, "The Mennonites, Their Faith, Doctrines and Practices," published by the Mennonite Publishing Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN.

The organization was formed at Schwartzener, Germany, where eight souls concluded amid the drifting of Christendom to take their bearings and regain the primitive biblical basis under the leadership of Alexander Mack. This organization at Schwartzener, Germany, occurred in the year A. D. 1708, and because of persecution, the little band emigrated to America and settled in Germantown, Pennsylvania.

And from that neuclus have spread our people through the United States and Canada and across the wide ocean to Denmark and Sweden, India and China, till we number about one hundred thousand living souls. These eight persons were baptized by triune immersion, which they believe to be the original mode taught by Christ. They also embodied in their faith the "Agapee" or Lord's Supper, which they conceived to be a full meal, and the bread and wine subsequently, which is called the communion; also the "washing of saints' feet," as taught and exemplified by Christ in the night of His betrayal. The ordinance of feet washing is regarded as a symbol of cleansing and humility, being first in the order of observance.

Then the Supper, which evinces equality and perfect harmony upon the spiritual plane, comprising a forecaste of the triumphant gathering at the end of the age. And the home reception repast graced by the personal presence of Christ. Lastly, in consecutive order, the "bread and wine," as emblems of His broken body and shed blood, setting forth the ineffable price of our ransom.

These institutions in harmonious combination are practiced on love feast. We believe also in the holy salutation as the divinely appointed compliment of Christian love. We also believe that all breaches of fraternal unity should be adjusted by the arbitration system as taught in Matthew 18:10. And in this age of gospel refinement by grace God's children should not resist with carnal weapons. "Christ's Kingdom is not of this world," therefore it is not compatible with his life and doctrine, that his servants should in this manner fight.

We believe, furthermore, in non-conformity to the world. First, a mind renewed by grace effects this separation from a fallen world in sin, and the internal life transformed, requires the sign of simplicity on the "outward man," to retain this humble mien. We teach a church regulation in dress. We denominate our church the conservative body in contra distinction to those who have gone out from us, and formed separate organizations, namely the Progressives, and the Old Order Brethren, respectively. The

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first discountenanced our restrictive measures in apparel mainly, and the latter our advanced and improved methods of teaching spiritually and intellectually. They stand opposed to Sunday Schools and colleges.

This strain from the two extremities urged our church to assume the plane of moderation, with many sad regrets we witnessed these separations, as many intelligent and pious members who had worshiped in fraternal ties, mid prosperous and adverse years, could no more cherish the unity of sentiment. I had experienced the dissolving of the national bond in the United States government, in the cruel breach of the Civil War, which severed our patriotism. But little did I think after having escaped death in that bloody war and subsequently rescued from the perils of the stormy sea by the Church of the Brethren, which was the church of my choice, and innured into the higher life of spiritual culture, that a similar shock of separation must be felt. But such are the tendencies of human frailty, that even Christ, during his personal ministry with all the indeal qualities of a grace, refined life, could not by moral influence retain all whom he called.

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THE BAPTISTS — WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY BELIEVE.

First. In the first place, the word Baptist is a misnomer. It does not properly describe us. The inference that immersion is everything with us, when in fact, it is only one of the many things, and by no means the most important. Baptists lay stress upon regulation and then insist that the regenerated person should follow the Lord in baptism, in the New Testament way and unite with his fellow believers into a visible organization, through which the teaching of Jesus Christ and the Apostles can be proclaimed and practiced.

Second. The origin of the Baptists is somewhat obscure, but this much can be said, that from earliest times there have been various bodies of Christian people in existence who have held the fundamental truths of Christianity which distiguish the Baptists. So that whilst it is not possible to maintain an unbroken succession of Baptist Churches from Apostolic times, it is safe to say that the Baptists are among the oldest of the now liturgical and now prelatical churches.

Third. The Baptists seek to copy the Apostolic churches in the following respects, according to Dr. Armitage: That the Inspired Scriptures contain the full and supreme authority of Christ in all that relates to Christian faith and practice, whether in doctrine, ordinance, the ordering of a holy life, or in administering of church government.

Fourth. That a Christian church must be made up of persons who are morally regenerated, and that it is not a simple voluntary association, but a body of men called out of the world about them by Christ's special authority to be people peculiar to Himself.

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Fifth. That they maintain baptism and the Lord's Supper, after the Apostolic appointment, in relation especially to other great gospel teachings.

Sixth. That they earnestly oppose all connection of the church with the state, and all distinctions made by the state amongst its citizens, on the ground of religion.

Seventh. Baptists from the beginning have stood for individuality in religious life—conscience is supreme with them, hence they have taken a conspicuous part in the struggle for freedom of conscience. They reject infant baptism because it interferes with individuality.

Eighth. The Bible is their ultimate guide in the religious life. They ask the liberty of interpreting it for themselves by the aid of the Holy Spirit. Thus they have never been bound by any man-made creed.

Ninth. The record and appeal of the Baptists as a body of Christ's people is best seen in the purity of the faith they hold. The demonstration of this faith in lives of the membership and their achievements in the realm of education, philanthropy, missions and Christian character.

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CHRISTIANS OR DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

Among the Protestant bodies of America the fifth largest is a people calling themselves Christians, or Disciples of Christ, and designating their congregations Christian Churches, or Churches of Christ. This evangelical and missionary body of Christians was organized in Western Pennsylvania early in the last century. At that time those composing this body were members of various denominations, but were pleading for the union of all the followers of Christ, by a return to the common faith and practice of the Apostolic Church, in order to the salvation of the world. This plea was rejected by the denominations and its advocates were compelled to form a distinct body. God's providence their separation has given power to the plea for unity. They still look with prayerful expectancy for the union of all Christians of whatsoever creed, name or sect, and their chief work is to bring about this unity.

Centennial.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Disciples of Christ for the celebration of the centennial this year, at Pittsburg, Pa. The date October 11 to 19, A. D. 1909, is taken from the appearance of "A Declaration and Address," by Thomas Campbell, father of Alexander Campbell, September 7, 1809, which was the first and only publication of "The Christian Association of Washington, Pa.," an organization composed of members of different churches bent on Christian union and missionary propaganda. Their first church was organized in A. D. 1811, at Brush Run, Washington County, Pa. But the year before friends of theirs had established one in New York City, and in 1803. Barton W. Stone, who in 1832 formed a coalition with the Campbells, had taken the same position in Kentucky.

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These foregleams were to the "Declaration and Address" what the Mecklenburg declaration and the Boston Tea Party were to Thomas Jefferson's immortal document of July 4, 1776. From 1813 to 1829 the Campbells were connected with the Baptists, but having been received without endorsing the Philadelphia confession of faith and evincing no disposition to conform to its tenets, their relation with the regular ministers of the denomination was increasingly strained.

Distribution.

Beginning their work near Pittsburg, they followed westward the streams of migration, hence their greatest strength is in the valleys of the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri. In some of the central states they are the most numerous Protestant body. They have kept pace with the recent development of the south and southwest, and have grown rapidly in those sections. It is but ten years since organized efforts have been established on the Atlantic coast.

Geographical Distribution.

United States, North Atlantic division, 35,942; South Atlantic division, 82,442; North Central, 662,605; South Central, 348,484; Western, 48,973; British America, 12,150; Great Britian, 14,000; Australia, 17,298; Porto Rico and Hawaii, 553; Foreign Mission, 9,773; total, 1,288,501.

Teachings.

They are not distinguished by any peculiar names, doctrines, ordinances or government from other Christians, nor is it their wish to be. It is their desire to be distinguished from the world, but not from the church, either in whole or in part. The one thing which distinguishes them from other followers of the Lord is their plea for Christian union, by restoring the doctrines, ordinances, ideals, aims and spirit of Christ and his apostles. They seek to unite all Christians of whatsoever name or creed, not by compromising, either with their conscience or the truth of the Master, not on some new platform or statement made by them or others, but on old ground already occupied by or acceptable to all Protestant bodies. Their methods is to restore all the vital and permanent features of the church described in the New Testament; to give up what is the peculiar and particular property of a sect, and hold fast to that which is common to the whole Church of God. For there is a common scriptural ground held by all Protestant bodies, and so none need sacrifice anything vital in order to unity. They themselves have done what they ask others to do. They have given up all names, doctrines and other peculiarities of sects, and hold only the things which are the common property of all Christians.

The Confession of Faith.

"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God," was the only confession required by the apostles. This is the central truth of every Protestant body. It is the only confession of faith required by the people calling themselves Christians or Disciples.

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The Discipline.

"The Bible and the Bible only is the religion of Protestants." They reject all denominational books of discipline, not simply because they contain error, but because being the property of parties, they are not acceptable to all Christians. They accept the Bible as the alone, all-sufficient book of discipline.

Designations.

They reject all denominational names, because such names are not acceptable to all Christians, for the church they accept such names as Church of God, Church of Christ, Christian Church, etc., because being the only scriptural names on which all are united. The individual members wear only the common names for the children of God, Christians, Disciples, Brethren, Saints, and such other names as the New Testament applies to the followers of Jesus. On these common names the whole church is united.

Baptism.

The whole church agrees that there are two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper. All Protestant bodies agree that he who makes a personal confession of faith in Jesus Christ, repents of his sins, and is immersed into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, is truly and scripturally baptized. This, then, is the common ground of the church and the ground of unity not involving sacrifice of conscience or scripture. Accordingly, the Disciples practice this baptism and no other.

The Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's death for our sins, and a prophecy of his coming again, following the apostolic custom; the Disciples observe it weekly. They hold that being His table all His family is welcome. Hence, they debar none, but permit all to partake.

Reception of Members.

They make no tests but faith in Jesus as the Christ, Christian baptism, and a godly life. Persons who thus acknowledge their Savior are received from the world and from other churches with or without letters of commendation.

Organization.

The New Testament Church was Congregational in organization and government and so are these Churches of Christ, beyond the local congregation they are without ecclesiastical organization. They voluntarily associate for and co-operate in missionary, educational and benevolent work; but faith in Christ, obedience to Him, and a desire to have fellowship in His services are their only bonds of organization.

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Their Motto.

In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity. In the foregoing particulars they occupy the ground common to all Christians. They hold as individuals much more that is common to a majority of Christians. Like other evangelical people they believe that the Bible contains God's revelation to men, and that it was given to us through inspired men. The great doctrines of the incarnation, reconcilliation, the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, the Fatherhood of God, the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit, the change of heart, the new life in Christ, the reward of the righteous and punishment of the wicked, are of common acceptance among them. However, no particular atonement of inspiration, or other doctrine, is necessary in order to holy living, the unity of the church or the final salvation of men. Hence, each man is permitted, according to the liberty which we enjoy in Christ, to hold whatsoever as his own private property.

The Church at Work.

The vigor and effectiveness of this plea and organization may be judged in part by the remarkable growth of this people. Their progressiveness and interest in all good works are shown by the following information and lists.

Missionary.

The following societies are foremost in their missionary work: The American Christian Missionary Society, organized, 1849, and having headquarters in Cincinnati, O., operates throughout the United States and Canada. Last Year in co-operation with state and city organizations, it employed 648 missionaries, who added 29,093 members to our church. The official organ is "The American Home Missionary."

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society, organized, 1875, has headquarters in Cincinnati, O. Last year this society supported 466 missionary and native helpers, who labored in Africa, China, Cuba, India, Japan, Turkey, Thibet, Philipine and Hawaiian Islands, England, Denmark and Sweden. In their hospitals were treated 60,000 patients. Their forty colleges and schools furnished instruction for 2,388 pupils, and their workers baptized 1,249 persons. The official organ is "The Missionary Intelligencer."

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions, organized, 1874, has headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., and works throughout the United States, besides operating in Mexico, South America, Porto Rico, Jamaica and India. This society directs the work of the Disciples among the negroes. It likewise supports Bible work by endowing Bible chairs in connection with state universities, and in Calcutta India. The official organ is the "Missionary Tidings."

The Board of Church Extension, a department of the American Christion Missionary Society, devoting its energies to building churches for newly founded congregations, was organized in 1888. It builds four churches per week. Its official organ is "Business in Christianity."

The Board of Ministerial Relief is another department of the American Christian Missionary Society, organized in 1895. It ministers to the necessities of aged, broken and needy preachers and their wives.

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Educational.

The American Christian Educational Society, headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., was organized in 1900. Its function is to unify and encourage all educational movements, and strengthen all institutions of learning among the Disciples of Christ. Among these institutions the most prominent are:

Bible Chair.....Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bible Chair..... Calcutta, India
Bible Chair..... Charlottsville, Virginia
Bible Chair..... Lawrence, Kansas
Bible College..... Lexington, Kentucky
Bible Seminary..... Berkley, California
Bethany College.....Bethany, W. Virginia
Butler College.....Indianapolis, Indiana
Eureka College.....Eureka, Illinois
Austin Christian College.....Effingham, Illinois
Hiram College.....Hiram, Ohio
American Christian University...Harriman, Tennessee
Christian University.....Canton, Missouri
Cotner University.....Bethany, Nebraska
Drake University.....Des Moines, Iowa
Kentucky University.....Lexington, Kentucky
Texas Christian University.....Waco, Texas
Disciples Divinity House.....Chicago, Illinois
Eugene Divinity School.....Eugene, Oregon
Virginia Christian College.....Lynchburg, Virginia
Atlantic Christian College...Washington, N. Carolina
Washington Christian College...Washington, D. C.
Dexter College.....Dexter, Missouri
Hamilton College.....Lexington, Kentucy
Cambell Hagerman College.....Lexington, Kentucky
Columbia Christian College.....Columbia, Missouri
School of Evangelists.....Kimberlin Heights, Tenn.
Bible College.....Nashville, Tennessee
Carr Burdett College.....Sherman, Texas
Georgia Robertson College.....Henderson, Tennessee
South Kentucky College.....Hopkinsville, Kentucky
West Kentucky College.....Mayfield, Kentucky
Kee Mar Seminary.....Hagerstown, Maryland
Milligan College.....Milligan, Tennessee
Bible College.....St. Thomas, Ontario, Can.
Hazel Green Academy (mission school)
Hazel Green, Tennessee
Morehead Normal School (mission school),
Morehead, Kentucky
School for Chinese.....Portland, Oregon

Mission Schools for Negroes.

Bible School.....Louisville, Kentucky
Lum Graded School.....Lum, Alabama

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Southern Christian Institute.....Edwards, Mississippi
Martinsville Christian Institute.....Martinsville, Va.

Benevolences.

A great proportion of the benevolent work is carried on through the Associated Charities, and the hospitals, homes and other institutions of other religious bodies. The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church is the principle institution for benevolent work among them. Its headquarters are in St. Louis, Mo., organized in 1877. Its official organ is "The Christian Philanthropist." Their principal benevolent institutions are:

Babies Home and Hospital.....St. Louis, Mo.
Christians Orphans' Home.....St. Louis, Mo.
Christian Old People's Home.....Jacksonville, Ill.
Christian Hospital.....St. Louis, Mo.
Heaven's Home for Aged.....East Aurora, N. Y.
Juliette Fowler Christian Home.....Dallas, Texas
Orphanage and Child's Hospital.....Cleveland, O.
Southeastern Home and Hospital.....Baldwin, Ga.
Western Orphan's Home.....Loveland, Colo.
Kentucky Christian Orphan's Home...Louisville, Ky.
Orphans, School and Home.....Midway, Ky.

Publishing Houses.

These are private enterprises, and are not in any sense controlled or operated by the churches. They are:

The Standard Publishing Co. .....Cincinnati, O.
The Fillmore Music House.....Cincinnati, O.
The Disciple Publishing Co. .....Cincinnati, O.
The Christian Publishing Co. .....St. Louis, Mo.
The Century Publishing Co. .....Chicago, Ill.
The Hackleman Music Co. .....Indianapolis, Ind.
The Christian Courier Publishing Co., Dallas, Texas
The Pacific Publishing Co.....San Francisco, Calif.
The Christian Worker Publishing Co., Pittsburg, Pa.
The Christian Union Publishing Co., Des Moines, Ia.

These companies issue weekly, semi-monthy and monthly, quarterly and annual periodicals in the form of religious newspapers, Sunday School literature, music, and all forms of printed matter. Each has an extensive book department, both for the publication and sale of books.

The principle religious papers are:

The Christian Standard.....Cincinnati, O.
The Christian Evangelist.....St. Louis, Mo.
The Christian Century.....Chicago, Ill.
The Christian Courier.....Dallas, Texas
The Christian Union.....Des Moines, Ia.

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The Christian Worker.....Pittsburg, Pa.
The Christian Weekly.....Cincinnati, O.
The Pacific Christian.....San Francisco, Calif.
The Christian Messenger.....Toronto, Canada
The Christian.....St. John, N. B.

Further information concerning the Disciples of Christ gladly furnished upon application.

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The Christian Church Growth in 1908.

Since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation no religious body has grown so rapidly. The one congregation of three-quarters of century ago has become 11,110; the 60 members have grown to 1,338,515, who give annually to the church $8,000,000, and whose church property is valued at $22,150,000. Last year their gain was 542 churches, and a net gain of 30,000 members, while missionary increased from $770,717 to $874,527, a gain of 14 per cent. The gain in young men preparing for the ministry was 20 per cent. There being about 1,000 more students than the year before. The last decade saw great development of the benevolent, educational and missionary spirit among them and witnessed their rapid growth in the cities, from 300 per cent. to 600 per cent. being their gain in numbers in many cities.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

American Methodism began with the birth of the Republic, and has occupied an important part in the religious life of the nation, under the leadership of Philip Embury and Thomas Webb. The first preaching services were held in New York, in 1766, in a humble home. The movement met with great opposition and was mistrusted, but at the close of the Revolution had over twelve thousand members. The denomination was organized in Baltimore, Md., 1784, when sixty preachers met Dr. Coke and accepted the plan submitted by John Wesley. The articles of religion and the order of service prepared by Mr. Wesley, and an article of religion containing a recognition of the new government were adopted. Laws were made for the government of the church, and Frances Ashbury was elected and consecrated bishop. While the polity and government have been altered from time to time by successive general conferences, the denomination has not changed to doctrine and ministerial officers. The denomination has grown with the Republic and has taken a strong place in the moral and religious life of the people. The membership is larger than any other Protestant body and numbers over three million in the United States and three hundred thousand in foreign lands, with nearly Eighteen thousand preachers. There are one hundred and seventy-one educational institutions, with a valuation of forty-eight million dollars; instructing over sixty thousand scholars, sixteen orphanages, twenty-four hospitals and twelve homes for the aged. The denomination contributed three million seven hundred thousand dollars for missions and

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education in 1908. From a humble dispised movement it has become a world-wide evangel, respected and honored as a force. This fulfills the purpose of the great head of the church, "The faith of the Methodists."

Methodism has won her greatest victories as an aggressive evangelic church. The intinerants have been brave, consecrated, self-sacrificing; not highly educated in the beginning, but in recent years having some of the strongest intellectual leaders. The preachers have been earnest, bold and ever ready to proclaim the faith of Jesus Christ as a personal Savior and emphasizing a personal religious experience; offering a free and full salvation unto all through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

The church has always maintained the sign of infallibility; is the ability to seek and to save the lost. Forms have not been the important feature, but a living experience has always been urged. Freedom of choice is allowed in baptism. The Lord's Supper may be received, kneeling, standing or sitting. We believe that every true follower of Jesus Christ is by virtue of that fact a member of the Church of Christ. The non-essentials in religion are left to the believer's choice, but in the vital things a firmness is maintained, and an enumeration of some of the fundamental reveals what we term vital things. We believe in the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The Old and New Testaments are accepted as inspired revelations containing all that is necessary to salvation. We believe that through the fall of Adam, man has fallen from original righteousness and is disposed to sin. But that God has given every man moral freedom and that we may be saved. "He wills not the death of any, but rather that all should turn unto Him and live."

Men are justified by faith which is evidenced by good works. Justification is the work of pardon and regeneration, the new life that follows. God witnesses unto the saved soul, so that all may know when they are saved. The doctrine of perfection whereby the soul is perfected in all the graces of Christian character, all who possess to love God with all their heart and their neighbor as themselvse. The doctrine of Methodism are intelligible to all and serviceable and an inspiration unto the Christian. Many have found the faith an inspiration in life and better still, a comfort in death.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, on the subject of reforms and social questions, stands for civic righteousness, absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic and total abstinance. We are opposed to divorce, except on scriptural grounds; advocate the betterment of the conditions of child labor and full sympathy with the toiling masses. Methodism is in full accord with the spirit of church federation and longs for the day when the Church of Christ shall be united in faith, in doctrine, and in battling against all forms of iniquity. With faith in Jesus Christ and the inspiration of the Bible, salvation is offered unto all and Jesus Christ will reign in power, winning communities by the transformation of individuals until all the world acknowledges Him as Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

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In offering these fundamental principles and beliefs of the different churches, it is to put them side by side that the reader may read them and take his choice of church, or the church organization of which the principle of belief which appeals to your understanding of Bible and the New Testament. As they define it to mean in their beliefs and fundamental principles, modes and practices, for instance, if your belief and understanding of the Bible appeals to you that sprinkling or pouring was the original and proper mode of baptism, or that tri-immersion or the different modes of baptism, each appeals to the different ways of understanding the meaning in the Bible, while I might conscientiously be of the opinion that sprinkling was just as satisfactory to the Will of God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as any other mode of baptism. You have a perfect right to believe that some other mode of baptism is the only mode that meets with the requirements of your belief, that the Bible teaches, so that if one believes in certain things to be essential to the true Christianity of the dictates of his conscience, and he or she keep and observe all those things that dictate or appeal as being the only requirements and duties asked of us to observe, where then has any one else got the right to dictate that it is not right. If they believe different, let them observe those things as their conscience says to their inner belief, as I see things for myself. I believe that when you do certain things to please some one else and you feel it is not proper or right, you commit a sin to your own soul. Yet, if you feel that it is not in any way harming you, but is showing your submissiveness to the will of others, to thus explain to them that you are not too stubborn or single minded to acquiesce to their wish, provided, however, that these requirements are not asked in derision of the other's belief as to be wrong. If he thus refuses, my belief is that he has thus thwarted the evil spirit in leading him into a trap.

Thus, if I should believe that sprinkling was all that was required as a baptism, and I would let some one else baptize me with tri-immersion, if I felt it to be done in derision of my faith, I would thereby be guilty of submitting to wiles of the evil spirit, if there was any tendency towards showing that tri-immersion was the only real baptism, likewise in any of the other ordinances. If we submit to do certain things that we see no harm in, but that we feel to be useless and foolish, and if acquiesced in partaking or observing with others those modes or observances with a feeling that it made others feel happy by so observing or acquiescing, I believe it to show your meekness and humility, but should your conscience in any way dictate that there was something about it that you did not approve, I believe you will sin when you do those things you believe to be unjust or useless. But to let others observe what their belief dictates and not to interfere with it in any way is what I would designate a duty in true Christianity, and I wish to be understood that my desire was and still is that I could have had such fundamental principles and beliefs from all the different Protestant churches to have given an article in this work as a nucleus for the choosing of the Christian profession by its principles set forth as their Christian belief and rudiments, and thus lead souls to Christ.

But as I could not get as many to furnish an article as was desired, we will furnish what we have and if any that can not find witihn these rudi-

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ments the full principles of their faith to apply for a booklet setting forth their church faith. But the Christian faith is so broad and yet so simple that there are very few to object to its fundamental principles, although I wish this to be understood as my belief, only as a follower of the faith, and I shall not venture to infer that you are not on the right side by believing differently from what I do or any one else. But why is it that all this could not be made so plain that we could agreed on one regular and concise course to be the only *right* course, or can we in time learn to do our duty before God and let the other fellow alone to do as he pleases and not judge him by his actions or doings.

I am very much of the opinion that many of us are looking entirely too much at the other fellow, as to what he or she is doing and trying to make beams of the mote in his or her eye, while we forget our own shortcomings. Is it not a fact that we are meddling entirely too much about the doings of others and do not see ourselves as we really are. The Bible says, "Man know thyself." Now, there is more meaning in that than I have been able to figure out of it, and I have been figuring for over fifty years. Although, please understand me aright, I did not figure at this problem alone. But I really must confess that I do not thoroughly know myself or many times I would do differently, if I had truly known myself. So if we will figure more to know ourselves and not to know so much about someone else we will be blessed with a better conscience and truer Christian spirit and with all have more happiness and a better feeling towards our neighbors and friends. So let us learn to know ourselves, and when we do that we have plenty to talk about, so we will not find it necessary to talk about our neighbor and find fault with what he does. Let us look at ourselves, and let the neilghbor alone. You do not have to answer for my misdeeds. I will have to carry my own hide to the market; I will have to answer for the deeds done, and I can not blame you for them.

But here is one question, are we not our brother's keeper; are there not many duties that devolve upon us; many things that we do that we should not, and many, yea, very many things, we do not do that we should do? Is it not a fact that we are shirkers of duty, and who is it that has the right to say to the other, you have shirked your duty? As I see this, it is the innocent, helpless child, the infirm, worn-out old person, the imbicile and the fool. Any other person, if he know him or herself, will not make the charge, unless they will condemn their own selves. This question is so monstrous to define that I will not attempt it, only to say that we are all shirkers and great I-ams.

We can always tell what others have done, when it is of small consequence or misdeeds or lasciviousness, but if any good deed or something great was accomplished, then we hear of the great I-am's. Will we ever get over this? Is it possible for mankind to accomplish the task of getting over this system or vogue, or whatever it may be called, verily, it is a disease, a pernicious state of mankind? There are no drugs that will cure this disease which is so prevalent. Who can diagnose this case? Will the church do it? can they? Can the law? What is it that can? Will it ever be done? Is this a question that it has always been so, and always will be? Not unless we all know ourselves or at least the majority of us.

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Then let us all strive to know ourselves and to know our real wants, our real duty, to be real Christians. Here now I will have to admit that as before I do not know myself well enough to define this all important question and should I attempt it, I am afraid I should be denounced, hooted at. But I ask in all Christian faith, will this pernicious disease ever be cured? I believe it will, and Oh, Lord, hail the day, when the people will know themselves well enough to bring this about.

It will be the dawn of the glories of this world.
Of the splendors of God's Kingdom and of Christ's goodness.
Of the universal spirit which is ever in us.

Yet, we do not know ourselves; we know not yet how to do ourselves justice; we are all dollar blind and penny wise. How is it possible to cure this disease? The same way as the American independence was passed. You may ask the question, How was that? By co-operating, by getting in unison, by learning to know ourselves, and stop our shirking, and get to doing our Christian duty.

Most sincerely,

ANANIAS C. WITWER.

As an index to this work, I ventured to make an index, but found that it would virtually be a repetition of all the names in the work, and as they are all numbered, it is only a matter of looking up your relation in genealogical order and in ancestral order. You can find any by following the numbers at the end of the lines which are repeated as they entered the marriage state. Those that never married will be found mentioned with their parents history as a rule, although some of the most prominent we have made some special mention as we felt was due them in their genealogical order, by reason of being worthy and highly respected and noteworthy citizens, who demanded a little special mention in our work, although there are some who should have been more specially mentioned. But on account of not being able to get a full history of them, we could not make mention of them, as we would liked to have done. The work of getting this record was monstrous in writing letter after letter, appealing to the relatives to assist in giving their records and history, and which was received by them and laid aside time and again, without answering or giving any history of themselves, mainly on the ground that if they would give the history of themselves it would smack of self-praise, and for that very reason would not give any of their history. Consequently we were not able to get their history at all, which we regret very much. It is easy to find any person mentioned in the work by following the numbers. Thus trace the family by numbers instead of by name. After each name you will find the number and in repeating the name you will find the number first and the name following, with the family record, all numbered and repeated. If your father was a Witwer, trace back by his number to your grandfather, and by his number to your great grandfather, and so on. If your mother was a Witwer, trace back by her number to her father's family, then follow the number same as above. Always follow the numbers and there will be no mistake in finding your ancestors. In the same way descending the number to the right end of the line will be repeated at the left or beginning of the line.

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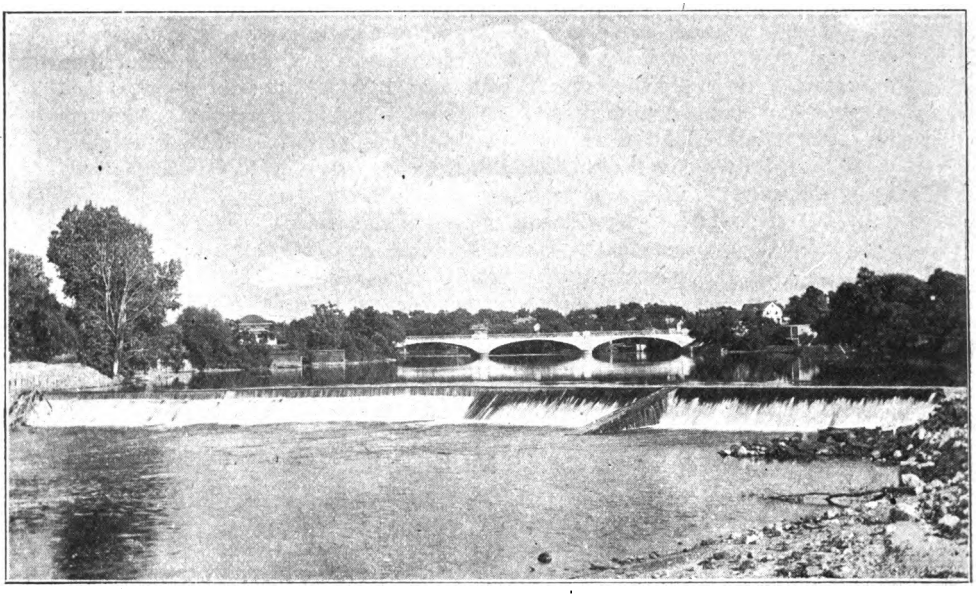

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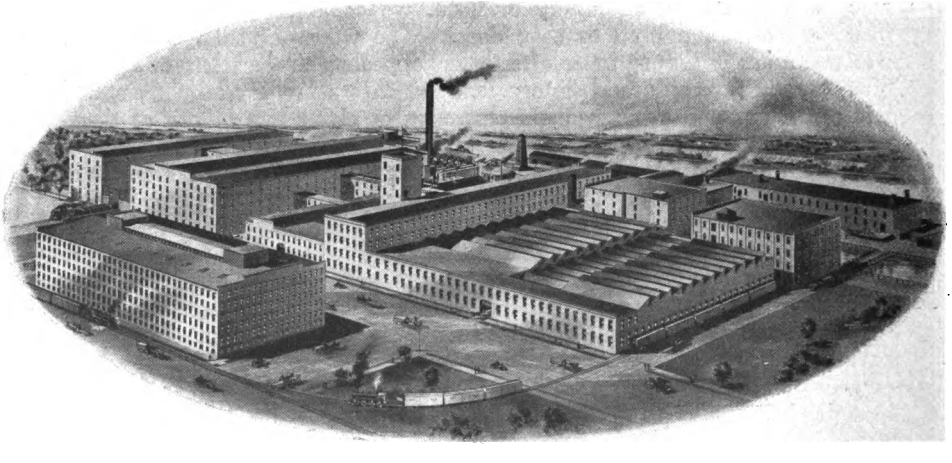

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Brief History of St. Joseph County

St. Joseph County, Indiana, is the middle county of the northernmost tier of counties of the state. To the east, in order, are Elkhart, Lagrange and Steuben counties; to the west, Laporte, Porter and Lake counties; on the south are the counties of Marshal and Stark, and on the north is Berrien County, Mich. The northern part of the county is in the valley of the St. Joseph River, and the southern part in the valley of the Kankakee River. From a tiney lake on the summit between these two valleys, and within the corporate limits of the City of South Bend, the waters flow by a little stream known as McCartney's Creek into the St. Joseph River, and into the Gulf of the St. Lawrence. From a point a little to the south of this same summit lake, the waters flow to the southward and form the source of the Kankakee River, into the Illinois, Mississippi, and the Gulf of Mexico.

From the geological formations extending from Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay, following the valleys of the St. Joseph and Kankakee Rivers, that those two great valleys were originally one; and that in a remote period, the waters of Saginaw Bay flowed through southwestern Michigan and northwestern Indiana, reaching the Mississippi by way of the Illinois River.

When LaSalle reached the St. Joseph in 1679, he found the county in possession of the Miami Indians, and he named the River after them. The Miamis were a tribe of the great Algonquin nation, which occupied the New England States, and the northern territory of the United States east of the Mississippi. There were no less than eleven or twelve of these tribes of the Algonquin nation—Ottowas, Chippewas, Sacs, Foxes, Miamis, Shawnees, Pottawattomies, Powhatans, Delawares, Mohigans, Narragansettes and Pequods—all speaking different dialects of the same speech. The Algonquins were the most powerful, and their bitter enemies were the Iroquois, who accupied Canada and New York and the south shore of Lake Erie, and were known as the Six Nations.

Fort Miami, established by LaSalle, fell into disuse after he left the valley and Fort St. Joseph took its place, and in consequence the river also changed its name to St. Joseph, and from the river the valley was named the St. Joseph, and from it the county was named the same. Not until 1730 is there any record of important military operations and that was for committing outrages against the Pottawatomies and other peaceful tribes, and the peaceful term of LaSalle was brought to a rude termination by the seven years' war of the French and English, which had long been brewing. On May, 18, 1756 war was declared, and on September 17, 1759, after the deaths of Wolfe and Montcalm, Quebec passed from France to Brittain. On September 8, 1760, Montreal surrendered and all Canada went with

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it. The lands drained by the Maumee and the St. Joseph River became British territory, and those drained by the Wabash and Kankakee remained French. The northeast part of St. Joseph County, including South Bend and Mishawaka, ceased forever to be French.

By the treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, the British boundaries were extended to the Mississippi, and it was at about this time that Pontiac, chief of the Ottawas, formed a confederacy to expel the English from their newly acquired territory. Pontiac, by his wisdom and bravery, became not only chief of the Ottawas, but leader of the whole Algonquin nation. The confederacy formed by Pontiac, one of the strongest and bestever organized by the Indian race, was composed not only of the Algonquin tribe, but embraced also the Wyandots and Senecas of the Iroquois. Pontiac's plan was to take all the English forts at the same time, by a similar strategem. A body of picked men were to visit each post in a friendly way, and while they were off their guard, make a sudden attack and capture the garrison. The plan might have succeeded had it not been for an Indian girl at Detroit, who disclosed Pontiac's design to Major Gladwin, the commander, who immediately sent a message to Fort Pitt. The strategem therefore failed in those two posts, but all the rest were taken by the Indians. In 1769 Pontiac was assassinated by a Kaskaskia Indian, promped by a reward by Amhurst, a British commander.

Along the St. Joseph River was not thick woods, the trees stood well apart and the Indians, with their annual custom of burning the leaves and underbrush, added to the park like appearance, thus giving rise to the phrase "Oah Openings," which added to the beauty of the woodlands. The waters of the St. Joseph were ever as they are today, clear and cool, by the ever refreshing springs which abound along the banks of this healthful stream.

It is little wonder therefore that this ideal solitude was dear not only to the human race, but to the birds and the beasts of the wilderness. So accustomed were the early hunters to see the buffalo cows come with their calves for rest and refreshment to these pleasant haunts along the St. Joseph River, that they gave to the place the appellation of (Prac aux Vaches) literally, "Park of the Cows," and was thus changed to Parkovash, which is confined to the banks of the St. Joseph River, from Mishawaka to South Bend. The Mishawaka rapids were well at the head of the Parkovash. Here the bands of the Pottawatomies set up their wigwams, as it was a favorite fishing place, and they paved the river with flat stones from shore to shore. The purpose of dragging the huge flat stones into the river bed from shore to shore thus forming a paved bed through the waters, was an important one, since thereby they might more easily take the great fish which the river was fairly alive with. They would form a line of canoes across the river and thus agitate the waters as to drive the fish before them to this paved part of the river, where they would be stationed with spears, when a choice sturgeon, pickerel or catfish came along. The boats frequently went laden to the water's edge with the burden of fishes.

The main body of the Pottawatomies was in Marshal County, around Twin Lakes, where they had their main abode. But the romantic Parkovash and woodlands were for visiting, for sight-seeing, hunting and trading,

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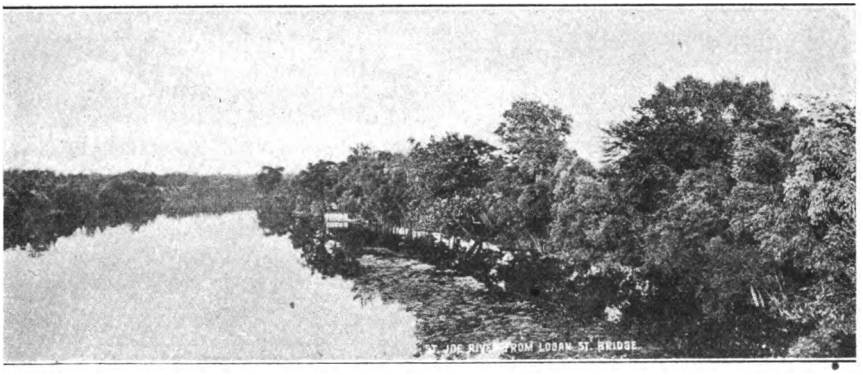
rather than for permanent dwelling places, so through the fair Parkovash ran those numerous traveled ways of the surrounding wilderness.

The history of Indiana, proper, begins with the expedition of Geo. Rogers Clark, and his capture of Kaskaskia, July 4, 1778, just two years after the American independence, and to this day few realize how important to the nation and to the world, was this daring enterprise of the young Virginian. "The Hanibal of the West"—W. Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota, were included in the State of Virginia at this time and were all subject to her laws and government, the privy council. To organize the expedition were Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Geo. Wythe, Geo. Mason and George Rogers Clark, authorized on Friday, January 2, 1778, by the Governor.

Wihtout George Rogers Clark we should have no Indiana, and no St. Joseph County to write about, and it is to our credit as a state that there has been such a revival of the fame of this great man.



ST. JOSEPH RIVER AS SEEN FROM LOGAN STREET BRIDGE
MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

The lands of the northeastern section of St. Joseph County, of the State of Indiana, embracing Harris and Clay Townships, the northern part of Penn Township, the eastern part of German Township, the eastern part of Portage Township, and the northern part of Center Township, are included in the lands ceded to the United States by the treaty made at Chicago with the Ottawas, Chipewas and Pottawatomis, on August 29, 1821. The sites of our two cities of Mishawaka and South Bend, as well as the village of Osceola, the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's Academy, are all within this cession. Only a small part of the lands ceded by this treaty are within the bounds of the State of Indiana, the greater part being in Michigan.

On December 14, 1815, Indiana was admitted as a state by the general assembly and as it had the required population of 60,000, the legislature passed an act, April 19, 1816, providing for an election to be held May 13, 1816, to select delegates to a convention to frame a state constitution. The convention consisted of forty-three delegates, and began its deliberations at

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Corydon, June 10, 1816, and completed the framing of the constitution on June 29, 1816. Jonathan Jennings was elected the first governor of Indiana.

As the appalation of the word Hoosier, we accept the meaning to be a strong, husky fellow, robust and hearty. The rude life which the early settlers were compelled to lead, the privations subjected to, are well illustrated in the following:

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,
When fond recollections present them to view—
The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood,
and all the loved pleasures my infancy knew."

Of—

"The old oaken bucket,
The iron bound bucket,
The moss covered bucket,
That hung in the well."

The open well with walled-up curb and the long sweep balanced in the center on crotched post, with a stone fastened on the bottom of the sweep by wooden pegs, which was the elevating power of the old oaken bucket, which was fastened to the sweep by a chain and thus lowered into the well and dipped the refreshing cool water, and thus the poet drank the inspiring drink of his childhood days. Alongside the well sweep and the old oaken bucket stood the old log house, the home of the pioneer, which now is only a memory of the present generation, as log houses are becoming extinct.

St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties, of the State of Indiana were organized on January 29, 1830. The first dam in the St. Joseph River was approved by an act of congress, January 22, 1835, to the St. Joseph Iron Co., and the dam was erected at the Mishawaka rapids, and where has since grown up the beautiful and thriving city of Mishawaka, which has grown up on both sides of the St. Joseph River. Not only has Mishawaka the honor of building the first dam across the St. Joseph River, but has also built the first bridge across the St. Joseph, and both these were private enterprises, and are due to the enterprise of its hustling citizens, and again, the first cement bridge reinforced by iron and steel ribs and rods buried in concrete, was built across the St. Joseph River, in 1903 and '04, on Cedar Street, Mishawaka, and is a most substantial structure, and was duplicated, in that the commissioners built a like structure on Jefferson Street, Souht Bend, and LaSalle Street, South Bend, and on Main Street, Mishawaka—all spanning the River S. Joseph, and forming beautiful sights and structures of inestimable value and service.

It is said that the United States postal authorities in charge of free delivery mail routes have recently pronounced the highways of Indiana the best in the Union, and also the chaffeurs of the United States credit the State of Indiana with having the best roads of any state in the Union. The Lake Shore railroad was the first to run a train to the cities of Mishawaka

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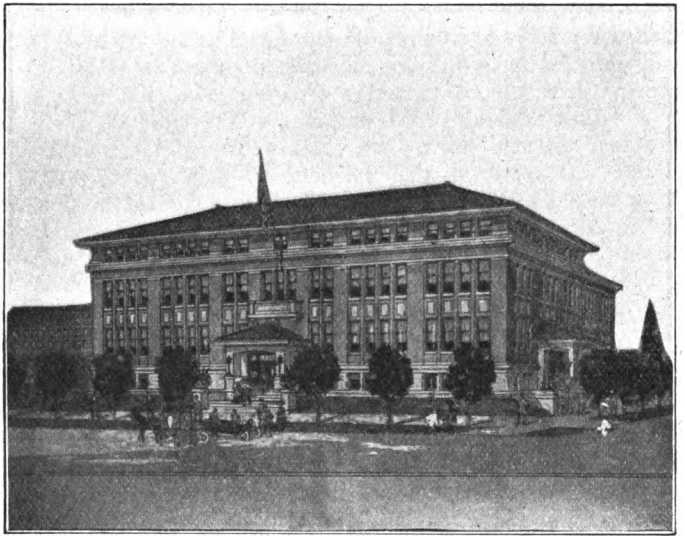
and South Bend, on Saturday evening, October 4, 1851, when cheer after cheer greeted the locomotive—John Stryker.

Penn Township was organized May 6, 1832, and the large marsh between Mishawaka and the hills to the south and extending almost from the west to the east of the township is the principal of these lowlands, and is the swamp in which LaSalle was lost in an early day, as related in early history. This swamp has been drained and has become lowlands, which are adapted perfectly to the cultivation of peppermint, and on account of this industry, will be of particular interest in connection with this history of Penn Township, St. Joseph County, Ind.

The reports of the peppermint growers and oil distillers of northern Indiana and southern Michigan, when the crop is ready for harvesting the



MISHAWAKA'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

mower is driven into the peppermint fields the same as in the timothy or clover for hay, and is cut and treated in the same manner as making hay, and in the same manner is loaded on wagons and hauled to the distilling vats and dumped into them and the cover put on tight and screwed on and steamed and the bottom of the steam vat is opened. The steam pressure through the mint causes the oil in the leaves and stems to liquify and join the steam, and this oil steam passes out through pipes and is run through condensing pipes over which cool water is kept running, and after a long course of pipes the water and oil come out in separating tanks and here the oil separates from the water. A ton of this mint hay produces from ten to twelve pounds of oil, and in some instances it will produce as much as fourteen pounds from the ton. The yield is ordinarily 25 to 30 pounds an acre, and the price from $2.50 to $3.00 per pound. But at times the crop will run as high as 70 pounds to the acre and also has dropped below 20 pounds

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to the acre, and the prices range from 50c to $6.00 a pound. It has become quite an extensive industry at Mishawaka.

On April 2, 1835, Wm. Barbee laid out the first plat of the town of Mishawaka, which was approved and acknowledged as the "Town Plat of Mishawaka," by the surveyor, Tyra W. Bray, and is as follows:

"This plat represents the town of Mishawaka, in St. Joseph County, Indiana, laid out by William Barbee and Henry Harman on the 20th day of April, 1835, on a part of the N. W. fractional (¼) quarter of Sec. 15, Tp. 37 N. Range 3 E. (2 mer.) and on a part of the N. W. quarter of the S. W. quarter of the same section."

The beginning point of this plat is the quarter section corner, on the line dividing sections 15 and 16, running thence north 56 poles to a stake, thence east 5 poles to the N. W. corner Lot No. 11 of said plat, etc.

On October 23, 1835, a plat of lots was filed by A. M. Hurd, which is generally referred to as the original town plat, but as it was the plat of the St. Joseph Iron Company, and a separate town, the same as Indiana City and Fowler's addition to Msihawaka, at the close of the year 1837 there were four different town plats. On February 17, 1838, an act of the legislature was approved, that the name of these four towns or villages are hereby changed to that of Mishawaka. And that all the lots now laid out on either side of the river, by either of these towns, be included within the corporate limits, are hereafter to be known by the name of Mishawaka.

SOCIETIES OF MISHAWAKA.

St. Joseph Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., organized 1843. This lodge was discontinued, but on August 13, 1867, Monitor Lodge No. 286, I. O. O. F., was installed. On September 5, 1872, the great fire destroyed the lodge hall with all its costly furniture and paraphernalia and books, etc. But soon a finer hall took its place, and a few years ago the I. O. O. F. built a home of their own, and are in a very flourishing condition at the present time.

Mishawaka Lodge No. 130, F. and A. M., was organized May 26, 1852, and is now in a very flourishing condition, and own and control the northeast corner building of the square of our beloved city, and are prospering and gaining. Eastern Star, Mishawaka Chapter No. 26, O. E. S.; Mishawaka Chapter No. 83, Royal Arch Masons; Mishawaka Lodge No. 435, nights of Pythias; Uniform Rank K. of P.; Mishawaka Encampment No. 98, I. O. O. F.; Enterprise Camp No. 46, W. O. W.; Mishawaka Camp No. 4788, M. W. A.; Mishawaka Tent No. 12, K. O. T. M.; Houghton Post No. 128, G. A. R.; Mishawaka Tribe No. 304, I. O. R. M., and many more different orders and clubs.

FROM DANIEL McDONALD HISTORY.

In 1831 the Legislature of Indiana passed a joint resolution requesting an appropriation by congress for the purpose of the extinguishment of the remaining titles to lands held by the Indians within the state. The appropriation was made and three citizens—Jonathan Jennings, first governor of

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the state; John W. Davis and Marks Crume—were appointed by the secretary of war to carry into effect the law authorizing the appropriation. The commissioners assembled with the several Indian chiefs concerned at a place called Chippewaning on the Tippecanoe River where the Michigan Road crosses that stream, two or three miles north of Rochester and sixteen miles south of Plymouth, where they concluded a treaty, October 27, 1832, by which the chiefs and warriors of the Pottawatomies of Indiana and Michigan territory ceded to the United States their title and interest to all the lands in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, south of Grand River. From this general treaty a large number of small individual reservations were made. Among them was a reservation of two sections to Naswagee, and one section to Quashqua, both on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, and twenty-two sections to Menominee, Pepinawa, Nataka, and Macatawmaaw, adjoining the town of Plymouth on the west, and extending south to Twin Lakes, a short distance north of Lake Maxinkuckee; several sections to other chiefs, making in all 160 sections.

These reservations, because they were not all ceded to this day, were ceded back to the government between 1834 and 1837; mostly under treaties negotiated by Abel C. Pepper. All of these treaties contained the following:

"Art 3. The United States further agrees to convey by patent to the Pottawatomies of Indiana a tract of country on the Osage River, southwest of the Missouri River, sufficient in extent and adapted to their wants and habits, remove them to the same, furnish them with one year's subsistence after their arrival there, and pay the expences of the treaty, and the delegation now in this city."

The first removal under these treaties took place in July, 1837, and within the two years from the date of these traties to August, 1837, all had gone peaceably, or had been removed without force, except Menominee and his band, whose village was on the north bank of Twin Lakes.

On the 6th of August, 1838, the time stipulated in the treaties for the Indians to emigrate having expired, and Menominee and his band declining to go, a council was held at his village, at which Col. Abel C. Pepper, agent of the government, was present, and most of the chiefs in that part of the country, as also many white residents of the surrounding country. The treaty was read wherein it was shown that in ceding their lands the Indians had agreed to remove to the western reservation within the time specified and that the date was then at hand when they must go.

It was plain to those present who were familiar with the Indian character that there was great dissatisfaction among them and a spirit of rebellion growing, which if not soon suppressed would probably lead to serious results. The leader and principal spokesman for the Indians was Menominee. By the treaty of 1832, twenty-two sections of land had been reserved to him and three other chiefs, viz: Pepinawa, Nataka and Macatawmaaw. The last three named chiefs entered into a treaty with Col. Abel C. Pepper on behalf of the government, August 5 1836, by which they ceded all their interest in the reservation above described for which the government paid them $14,800.00 in specie, and they agreed to remove to the country west

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of the Missouri River provided for them, within two years from the date of the treaty. Chief Menominee refused to sign the treaty and persistently declined to release to the government his interest in the reservation. When Col. Pepper had made his final appeal and all had their say, Menominee arose and drawing his costly blanket around him, through an interpreter he addressed the council as follows:

"Members of the Council:—The President does not know the truth. He, like me, has been imposed upon. He does not know that you have made my young chiefs drunk and got their consent and pretended to get mine. He does not know that I have refused to sell my lands and still refuse. He would not by force drive me from my home, the graves of my tribe and my children, who have gone to the Great Spirit, nor allow you to tell me your braves will take me tied like a dog, if he knew the truth. My brothers, the President is just, but he listens to the word of young chiefs, who have lied; and when he knows the truth, he will leave me to my own. I have not sold my lands. I will not sell them. I have not signed any treaty and will not sign any. I am not going to leave my lands, and I don't want to hear anything more about it." And amid the applause of the chiefs he sat down.

Considerable time was spent in trying to persuade him to accept the inevitable and remove peaceably to the reservation prepared for them, and if they did not, the government would be compelled to remove them by force. Without accomplishing anything the council disbanded.

Menominee was a wise and experienced chief, and he knew the final consumation was near at hand. As soon as the council disbanded he began to fire the hearts of his followers with a determination to resist the government officers in their evident intention to remove them, peaceably if they could, forcibly if they must. The consequence was the Indians became desperate, intoxicating liquors were drank to excess, threats of violence were freely made, and the white settlers in the immediate neighborhood became greatly alarmed for the safety of themselves and families. In this alarming condition of affairs a number of white settlers of Marshal County petitioned the governor of Indiana for protection of life and property. In his message to the legislature, December 4, 1838, Gov. David Wallace said:

"By the conditions of the late treaty with the Pottawatomie Indians in Indiana the time stipulated for their departure to the west of the Missouri, expired on August 6th last. As this trying moment approached a strong disposition was manifested by many of the most influential to disregard the treaty entirely and cling to their homes and graves of their fathers at all hazards. In consequence of such a determination on their part, a collision of the most serious nature was likely to ensue. Apprehensive of such a result, and with a view to prevent it, the citizens of Marshal County petitioned, praying for protection. On receipt of this petition I repaired as speedily as possible to satisfy myself by personal examination whether their fears were justifiable or not. On my return to Logansport a formal requisition awaited me from Col. Abel C. Pepper for 100 armed volunteers to be placed under the command of some competent citizen of the state, whose duty it should

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be to preserve the peace and to arrest the growing spirit of hostility displayed by the Indians. The requisition was instantly granted, and I appointed the Hon. John Tipton to this command and gave him authority to raise the necessary number of volunteers. He promptly and patriotically accepted the appointment, and although sickness and disease prevailed to an alarming extent throughout northern Indiana, yet such was the spirit and patriotism of the people there, that in about forty-eight hours after the requisition was authorized the requisite force was not only mustered, but was transported into the midst of the Indians before they were aware of its approach or before even they could possibly take steps to resist or repel it. The rapidity of the movement, the known decision and energy of General Tipton and his popularity with the Indians, the work done so quick, the surprise was so great, they at once became complacent, and at once prepared voluntarily to emigrate. The number of warriors was 859. Gen. Tipton and the volnteers accompanied them as far as Danville, Ill., where they were delivered over to Judge Polk and the United States Agents. Copies of all communications I lay before you with the reports of Gen. Tipton while in the discharge of his duties, from which I feel assured you will discover with myself that much credit is due not only to him, but all who assisted him in bringing so delicate an affair to so happy and successful a termination."

The Indian Chapel which was used as Gen. Tipton's headquarters while preparing for the removal, was situated on the north bank of Twin Lakes, about twenty rods west of the Vandalia railroad.* It was erected by Rev. Stephen Theodore Baden, the first Catholic priest ordained in the United States. He was born at Orleans, France, in 1768, ordained May 23, 1793, died in Cincinnati, April 19, 1853. The chapel was erected in 1830, and was built of hewn logs and covered with clapboards. It was 30 by 40 feet. The west half was two stories high. There was a hallway through the center. The room for the missionary was over the west end of the chapel, which was reached from below by means of a rustic ladder and trap door. The furniture was of the most primitive kind, and the food, corn and wild meat and such fruits and vegetables as were suitable to eat during the summer season. The room of the missionary was over the chapel, the floor of which formed the ceiling of the chapel. The furniture consisted of a table and chair and a hammock swung on ropes; around the room were his books and trunks.

At the time for the removal Father Benjamin M. Petit was the missionary in charge of the chapel. This ardent, youthful spirit (about 25 years old) evinced an intense enthusiasm from first to last in the work of his chosen field, and who had resided with them up to the time of the quarrel between the Indians and the whites, when he left Twin Lakes and retired to Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind. Col. Tipton addressed a letter to him and invited him to join the emigration and to go west with his people, which he did readily accept, and in the words of Col. Tipton, "In justice to Mr. Petit (a Catholic gentleman) their priest, joined us on September 16th. He found them moving onward, enveloped in clouds of dust, and surrounded by the soldiers, who hurried them along on their march. The scene as was described by Father Petit was one of the most mournful description. The children overcome by the heat were reduced to a wretched state of languor

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and exhaustion. Col. Tipton seeing Father Petit's worth, treated him with marked respect, and the chiefs who had hitherto been treated as prisoners of war were released at the priest's request, and took their places with the rest of the tribe. Six miles from Danville, Ill., there was a halt of two days, and when they quitted the spot Father Petit said, "we left six graves under the shadow of the cross." Order had been so thoroughly restored through the presence of the good priest, that the troops retired, and Father Petit was left with the civil authorities to conduct the emigrants to their destination. Having seen them safely landed at their destination, Father Petit started on his return trip. At St. Louis he took sick with malarial fever and fatigue and died. His remains were removed to Notre Dame, at South Bend, Ind., where they lie buried beneath a beautiful chapel at that place.

The State of Indiana, through its legislature, was asked on Friday, February 3, 1905, by Representative Daniel McDonald, of Plymouth, Ind., to pass a bill to erect a monument to the memory of the Pottawatomie Indians at Menominee Village, in Marshal County, Indiana, at and on the north banks of Twin Lakes. Thus the legislature is now asked to authorize the erection of a monument to mark the dawn of civilization in northern Indiana. The rebuilding of the first house of Christian worship in the entire great northwest, east of the Pacific coast, and to perpetuate the memory of the Pottawatomie Indians, the owners of and first inhabitants of the country north of the Wabash River, and south of the Lakes, whose written history is entirely the work of the white people, the government agents, traders, and schemers, who wrote from the white man's selfish and prejudiced standpoint.

I stand here today, in this magnificent presence, to plead for the Pottawatomie Indians. To give their side of the story, which has never before been told. As I stand here today I wish you to imagine that the spirit of the good Indian Menominee has come back after nearly three-quarters of a century to tell you the truth in regard to the cruel and inhuman manner in which he and his tribe were treated by the government agents, who dispossessed him of his property against his will, without compensation, and forced him and his people into captivity beyond the great Missouri River, where he was never heard of again, and where he undoubtedly died of a broken heart.

They are now all gone—not one is left to tell the story. But whether the legislature authorizes the erection of this monument or not, the Pottawattomie Indians will not be forgotten. Their memory has been preserved, and will continue to be perpetuated for all time to come in the rivers, lakes and various localities bearing their names. Aubenaube and Kewanna and Tiosa, in Fulton County, perpetuate the names of noted Indian chiefs, and the beautiful Tippecanoe, with its ripling waters of blue, and the picturesque Manitou, and the lovely Maxinkuckee, the St. Joseph, and especially the famous Wabash, where—

"Round my Indiana homestead wave the cornfields,
In the distance loom the woodlands, clear and cool;
It was there I spent my days of early childhood;
It was there I learned the love of nature's school.
I can hear my mother's voice call from the doorway,
As she stood there years ago and watched for me.

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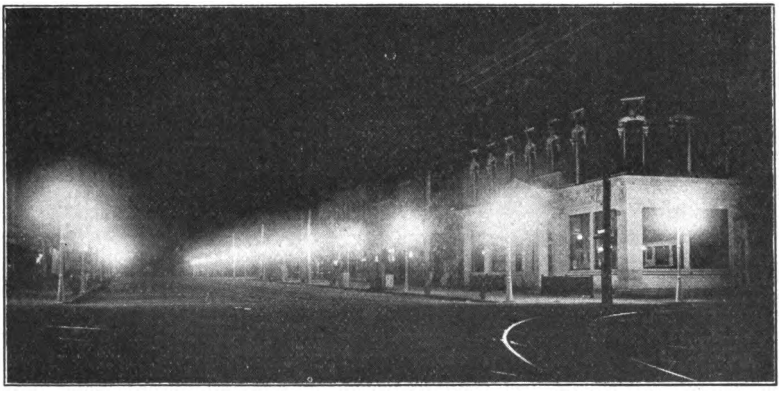
I can hear the birds sing sweetly in the spring time,
On the banks of the Wabash, far away.

Oh, the moon is fair tonight along the Wabash,
From the fields there comes the breath of new mown hay,
Through the sycamores the candle lights are gleaming,
On the banks of the Wabash, far away."

"The Indians all have passed away,
That noble race, and brave;
Their light canoes have vanished,
From off the crested wave.
Amid the forest, where they roamed,
There rings no hunter's shout—
But their name is on our waters,
And you can not wash it out."

And as said by Representative Daniel McDonald, of Plymouth, Ind., "They are now all gone—not one is left to tell the story.



MISHAWAKA, A CITY OF LIGHTS

MISHAWAKA — CITY OF LIGHTS.

Mishawaka is one of the six best lighted cities in the United States. The Business Men's Association and property owners of Mishawaka, by subscription, raised and paid for a system of street lighting, the equal of which is not to be found in the state. The poles are handsomely formed, surmounted with three beautiful globes, illuminated by Tungsten burners. On the corners the poles have five light. At the intersections there are eight such poles, giving a total of forty lights of one hundred candle power each. The poles are set fifty feet apart throughout the business district of Mishawaka. This system was first lighted at the celebration of July 5, 1909, and was then presented to the city. To a man having a business house in Mishawaka, our lighting system is an invaluable asset. There is no night for him—the

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streets are a blaze of glory. Mishawaka's lighting system marks only another instance of the progressiveness of her merchants and citizens, and shows only too plainly he civic pride which exists in this thriving city and which is fast placing her well up in the roll of honor of the west.

HOTEL "MISHAWAKA."

Situated on the banks of the historical St. Joseph River, "The Hudson of the West," Mishawaka stands alone in beauty, commercial and factory prowess, illumination and civic spirit. Rich with legendary belief of romantic Indian periods which thrill the visitor, Mishawaka takes her place as "The Gem of the St. Joseph Valley." The ever increasing hum of factory wheels, and the mingling of crowds upon her streets, speak eloquently of her representation in the active industrial circles of the world. Some of the largest institutions of their kind are found in this thriving city, and the progressiveness of her merchants and manufacturers is a matter of more than state-wide admiration.

As an unique place in which to spend the happy, restful hours of a Sunday's or for a week's vacation, Mishawaka is without an equal. Springbrook Park and Eagle Point pleasure resorts, both on the St. Joseph River, are but two miles from the hotel, with excellent trolley service to each. Fine boating, bathing and fishing, steamboat rides up the river, along the banks wild with nature's original growth. Situated at the picturesque point formed by a horse-shoe bend in the river, stands the St. Joseph Valley Country Club, with its atractive nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and spacious porches. The club is reached by a seven minute electric service, and is accessible to the visitors of the hotel at the very low expense of a non-resident's guest card.

"The Mishawaka," a new $100,000 hotel, built on the Spanish-Colonial style, is located in the very center of the city. It is conducted on the American plan, at rates from $2.50 to $4.00 per day. Home comfort marks one of its principal advantages to the traveler—large airy rooms, all outside exposure, fire-proof construction, hot and cold running water, purified by their water softening system, in every room; spacious lounging rooms, rich in beauty and attractive furnishings. The perfectly appointed kitchen is under the management of one of Chicago's best chefs, and a meal in their light, cool dining room is a veritable pleasure and most satisfactory to the experienced traveler, in every detail of service. Directly under the main lobby are situated cool and inviting appointments given over to bowling, billards, pool and cafe service. The sample rooms are light and airy, all fronting on the street, and have an order-producing atmosphere about them that will appeal to the traveler. The broad, shady porches, with the many easy chairs, adds that touch of comfort and luxury for the traveler; generally so lacking, except at resort hotels.

"The Mishawaka," as a home for the commercial traveler, cannot too finely be depicted. You can, however, conservatively say that "The Mishawaka," with its excellent service, its modern conveniences, and its splendid location, is the "Nearest Place Home" he will find on his trips. Interurban passenger and baggage service to the front door brings "The Mishawaka" into the business center of Northern Indiana. Cars running every seven and

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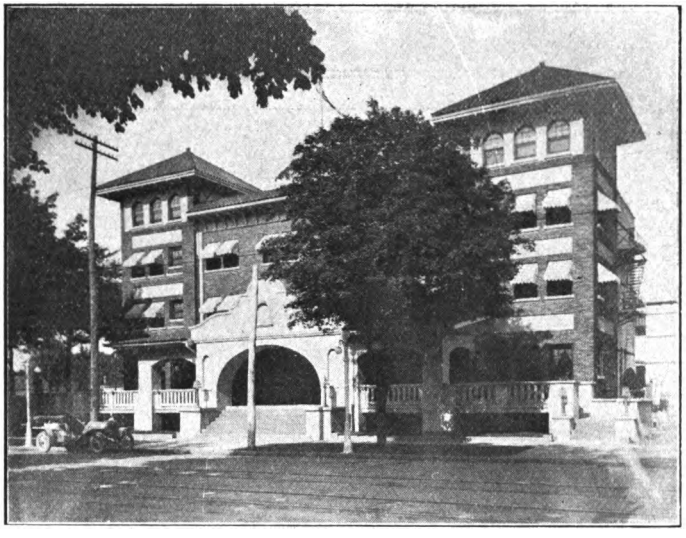
one-half minutes to South Bend, connecting with LaPorte, Michigan City, Hammond, Gary, and Chicago. Hourly limited service to Elkhart, Goshen, Warsaw, and all points east and south. The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern passenger sation is but one and one-half blocks from the hotel. The commercial man can live at "The Mishawaka" and take care of his trade through the surrounding country for a radius of twenty-miles. The traveller who appreciates moderness with all that the name implies, coupled with an atmosphere of home, will appreciate this convenience.



NEW ONE-HUNDRED-THOUSAND-DOLLAR HOTEL
"THE MISHAWAKA"

"The Mishawaka" is managed by Mr. Thomas W. Daly, formerly of The Morton, at Grand Rapids, The Russel, at Detroit, and The Oliver, at South Bend, and it is needless to say to those who have already made the acquaintance of Mr. Daly, that his kind—Jovial—ever-smiling face is sufficient greeting for the comercial man or tourist.

"The Mishawaka," as a place to go in your auto for a meal, or at which to stop over night on a cross-country trip, adds an unexpected pleasure to touring—good accommodations for your machines, excellent facilities for repairs at the American Simplex Motor Car Company and the Landgraf Machine Company, both within easy reach of "The Mishawaka." After a hard day's run a good night's rest at "The Mishawaka" will give the following day's trip double the attractiveness. Good roads to Mishawaka, and good accommodaions at "The Mishawaka" will be a by-word to automobile enthusiasts. But be you commercial traveler, automobile tourist of pleasure seeker, "The Mishawaka" wants to be your home during your stay in the St. Joseph Valley.

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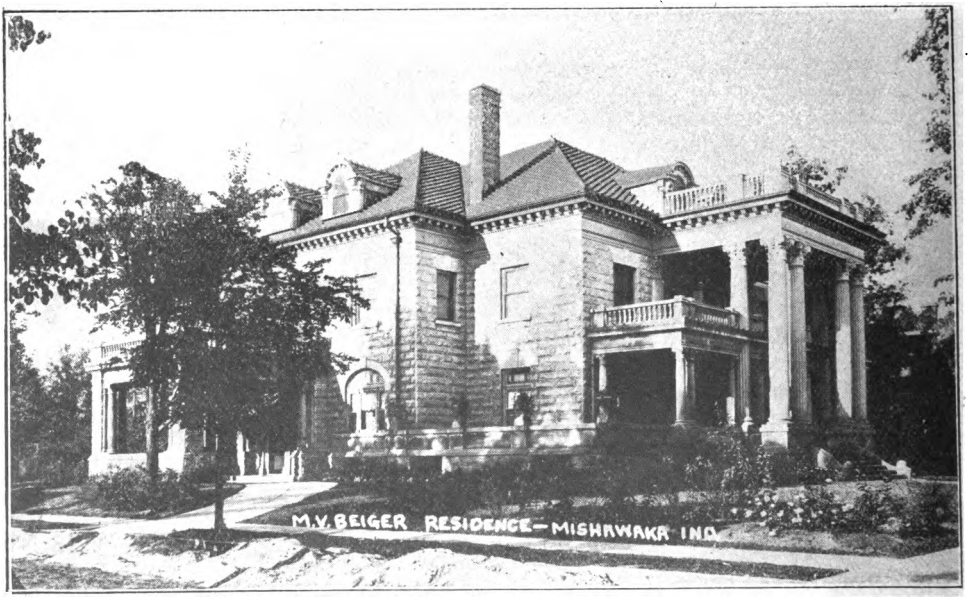

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I Built the First House on This Street in 1897

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SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MAIN AND SECOND STREET
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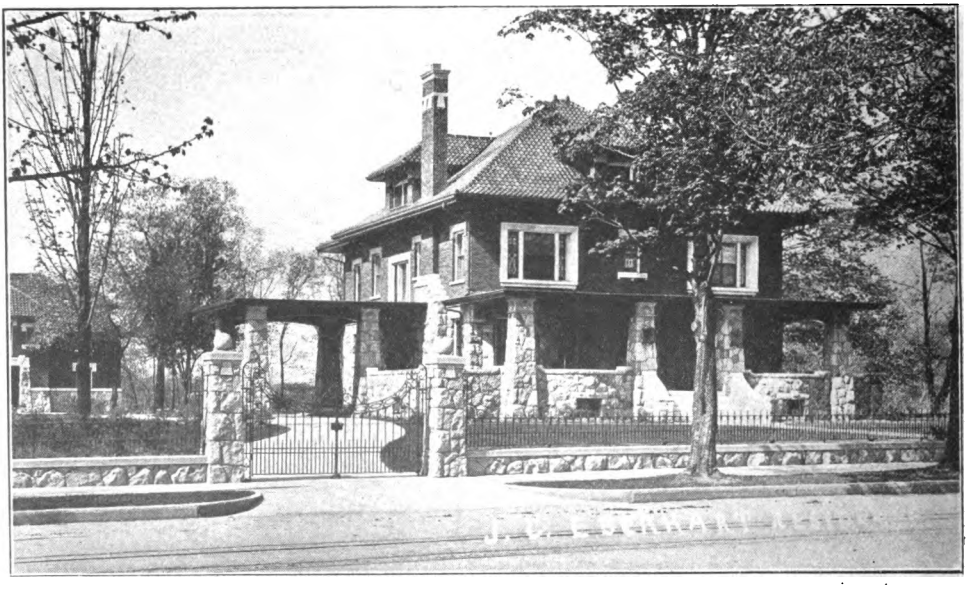

RESIDENCE OF J. C. EBERHART

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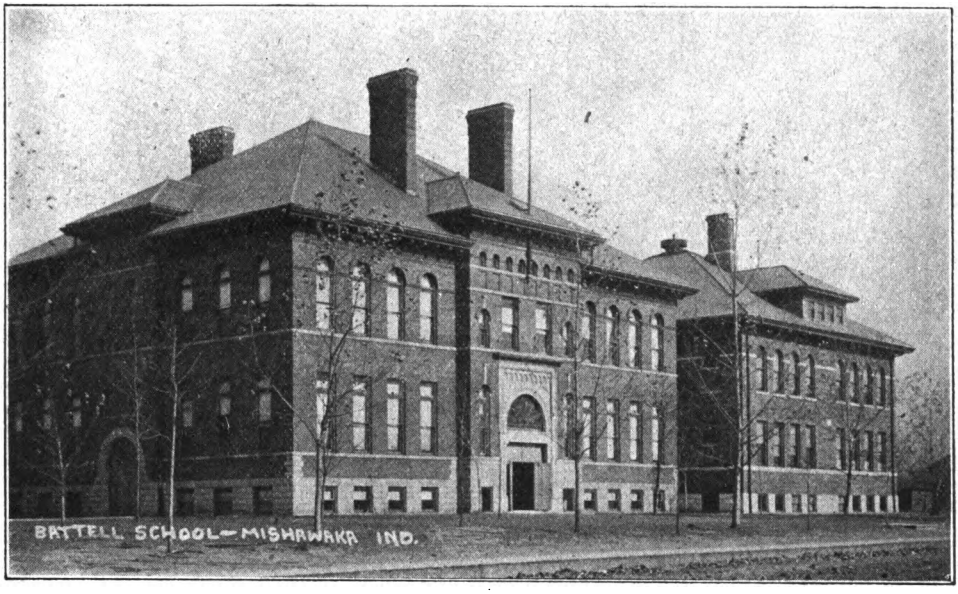

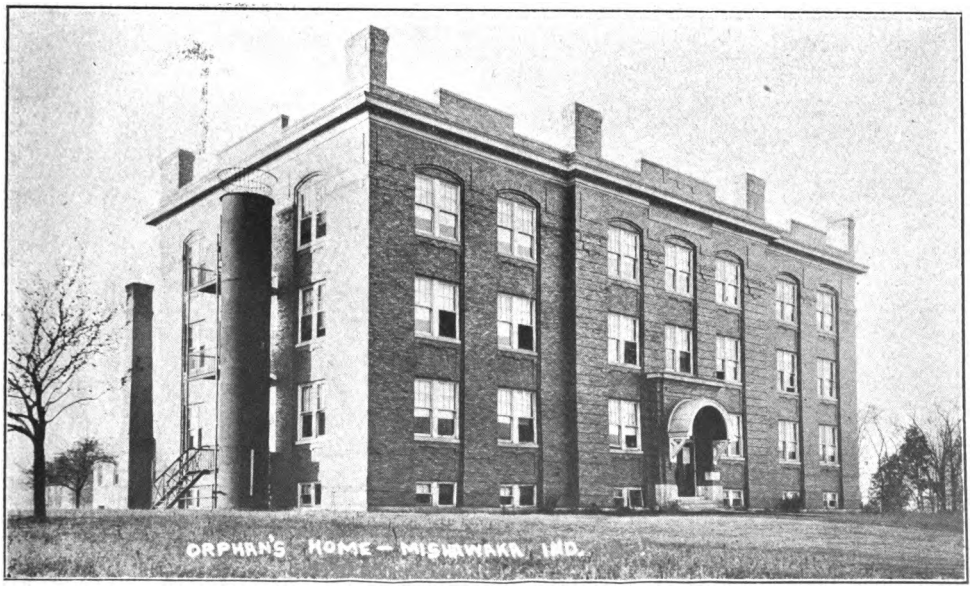

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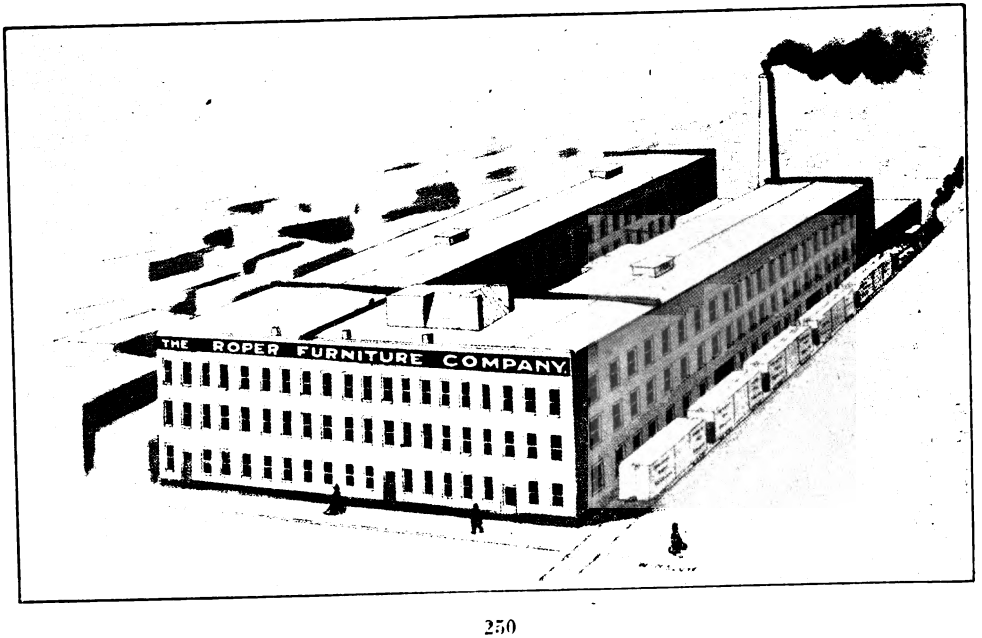

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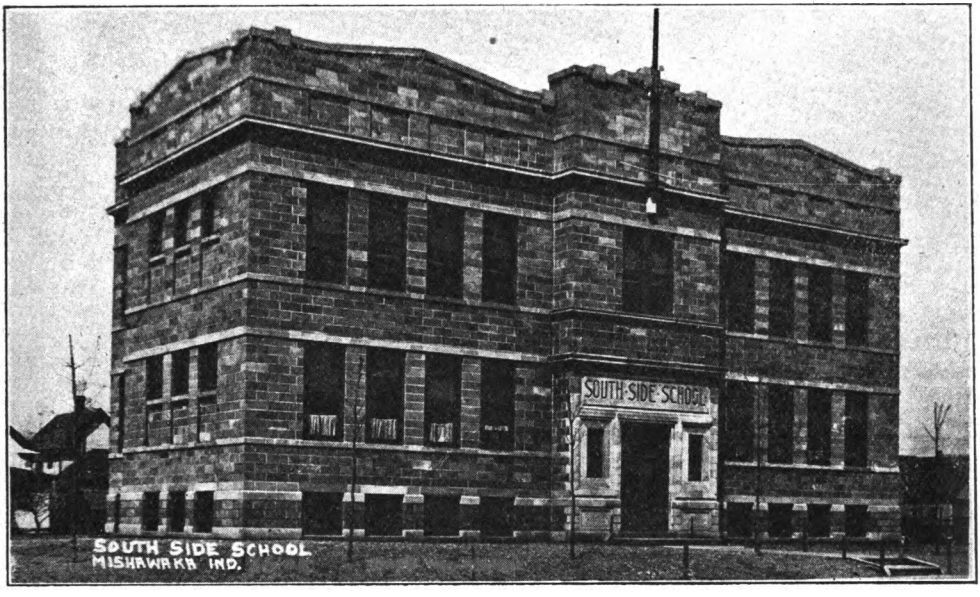

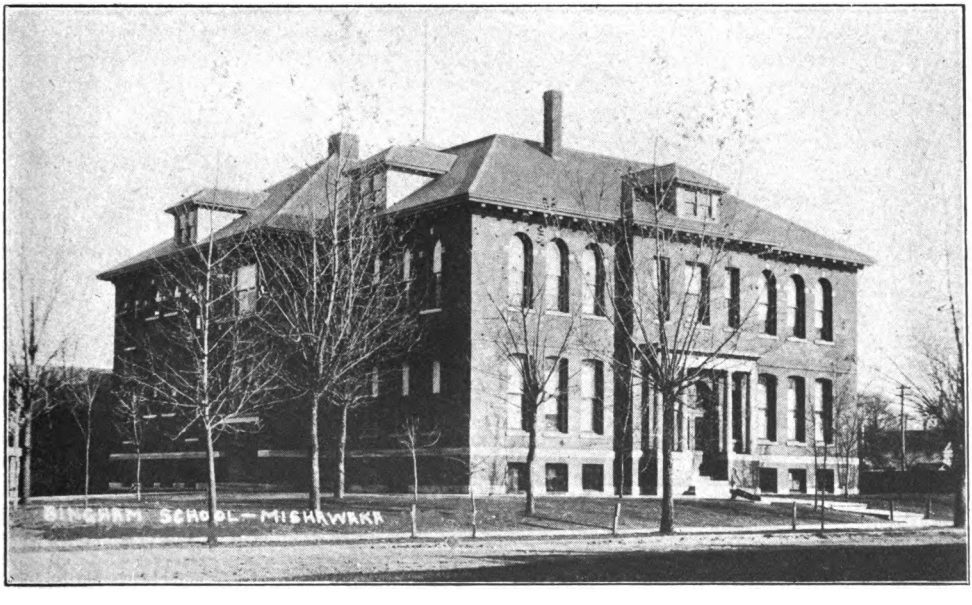

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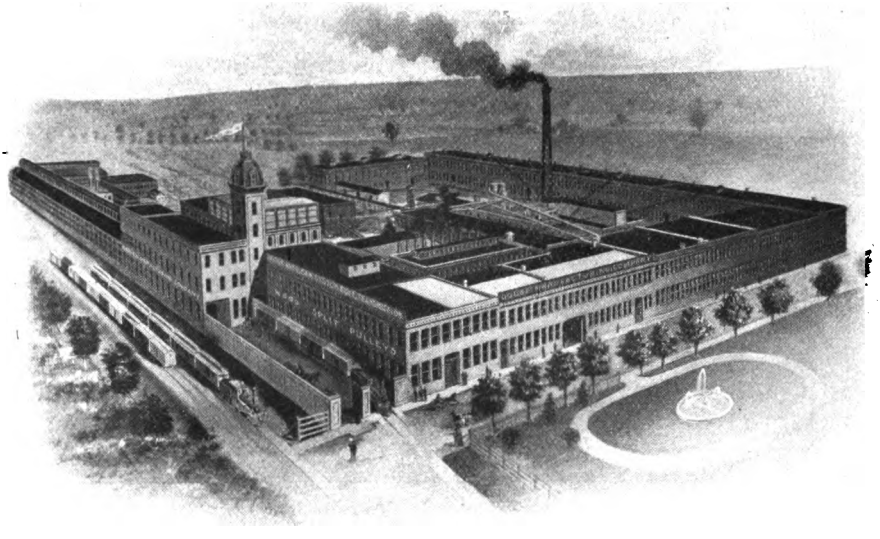

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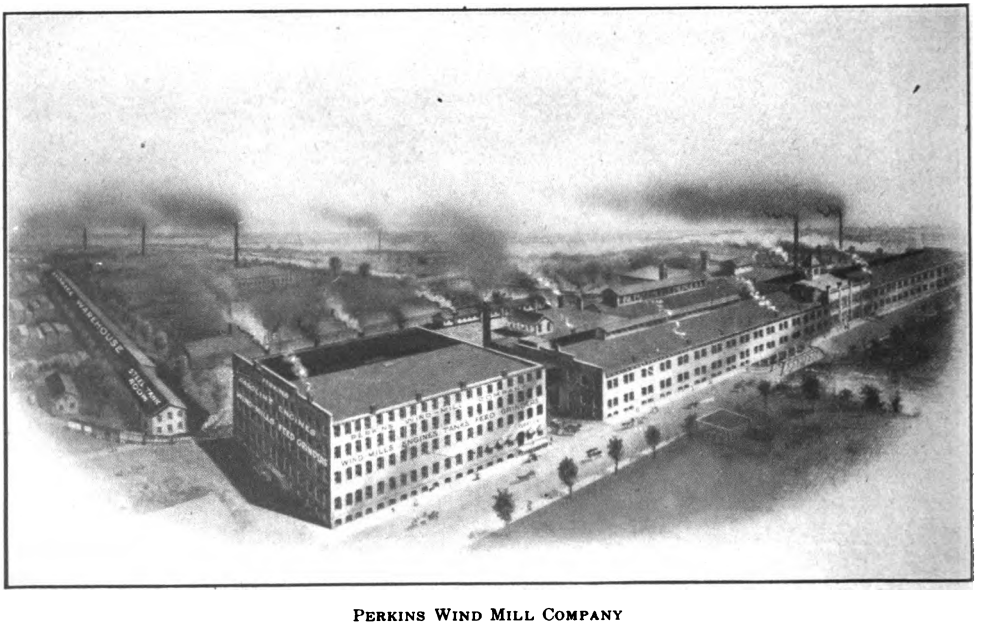

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Stark County, Oho

The First and Only County in the United States Named After General John Stark

General John Stark was born in Londonderry, N. H., August 28, 1727; died in Manchester, N. H., May 8, 1822, at the age of ninety-five years. His father emigrated from the north of Ireland and settled on the extreme frontier of New Hampshire on near neighborhood to the Indians; owned extensive tracts of land about Amoskeag Falls, and was an original proprietor of Dunbarton (then called Starkstown). Here the son grew up with few advantages of book education, but with abundant training in hunting and all athletic employments.

Was Taken Prisoner.

He made frequent hunting excursions into the forest, and on one of these occasions, in 1752, was taken prisoner by the savages, and retained in captivity until he was ransomed by the colony of Massachusetts. The bold and defiant bearing of Stark excited the admiration of his savage captors, and after the initiatory ceremony of running the gauntlet, in which he took the unexpected part of using his club on the Indians, he was called by them "the young chief." The knowledge he thus gained of forest life and of the topography of the border was of great service in subsequent conflicts with the Indians.

Lieutenant of Rangers

In 1755 he was appointed a lieutenant in Major Robert Roger's famous corps of rangers, and served with it, soon rising to the rank of captain, through all the Indian campaigns around Lake George and Lake Champlain, where traditions still exist of his sagacity and bravery. At the close of the war he retired from the army and engaged in farming at Derryfield (now Manchester, N. H.) and so continued till tidings reached him of the battle of Lexington. Promptly he mounted his horse and at the head of several hundred of his neighbors set out to join the army at Cambridge. Being there appointed colonel, he in one day organized a regiment of eight hundred hardy back-woodsmen.

Takes Waistband Aim

On June 17, 1775, he was stationed about three miles north of Boston, in a position from which he had a full view of Bunker's and Breed's hills.

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Seeing that a battle was inevitable, he waited for no orders, but set out at once for the ground, which he reached just before the conflict began. He led his men into the fight, saying: "Boys, aim at their waistbands," an order that has become historical. His ammunition giving out, he was forced to retreat, which he did with much deliberation, leading his men under a hot fire, but in good order, across Charleston neck to Merlin hill. After the evacuation of Boston he marched with his regiment to New York. He was subsequently ordered to Canada, and then rejoining Washington, was with him at Trenton and Princeton. Having been slighted, as he thought, in the promotions, he resigned his commission and returned to his farm.

Stark Again Active

When information arrived that Gen. Arthur St. Clair had retreated and Ticonderoga had been taken, New Hampshire flew to arms, and called for Stark to command her troops. He consented on condition that he should not be subject to any orders but his own; and to this the council of state agreed, because the men would not march without him. Setting out with a small force for Bennington, he there learned that Burgoyne had dispatched Col. Frederick Baum with 500 men to seize the stores, collected at that place. Sending out expresses to call in the militia of the neighborhood, Stark marched out to meet him, upon the news of which Baum intrenched himself in a strong position about six miles from Bennington and sent to Burgoyne for reinforcements.

His Historic Phase

Before they could arrive Stark attacked him, on August 16, 1777. Tradition says that he called to his men as he led them to the assault: "There they are boys. We beat them today, or Molly Stark's a Widow!" Another of his sentences that has gone into history. The second British force of 500 men, under Colonel Breymann, presently arriving on the scene, was likewise totally defeated. Of the 1,000 British, not more than a hundred escaped, all the rest being killed or captured, a result of great importance, as it led ultimately to the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga.

Colonel Baum, who was mortally wounded, said of the provincials: "They fought more like hell-hounds than soldiers." The American loss was only about seventy. Washington spoke of it immediately as "The great stroke struck by Gen. Stark near Bennington, and Baroness Riedesel, in the British camp wrote: "This unfortunate event paralyzed our operations."

Stark is Promoted

For this victory Stark was made a brigadier-general, October 4, 1777, and given the thanks of congress. He continued in active service during the remainder of the war, displaying everywhere distinguished ability and commanding the northern department in 1778 and 1781. In 1783 he retired to his farm, where he lived in simplicity till his death at the age of ninety-five. When he was eighty-nine years old congress allowed him a pension of sixty dollars per month; but with his simple tastes and habits this was not essential

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to his comfort. With the exception of Gen. Thomas Sumter, he was the last surviving general of the Revolutionary army.

Buried Near the Merrimac

He was buried on his own grounds, on the east bank of the Merrimac River, at Manchester, where a simple granite obelisk was placed in 1829, to mark his resting place. The citizens of Manchester planted memorial trees around it in 1876. In August, 1887, the corner-stone was laid in Bennington of the monument erected to his memory. It is an obelisk of limestone, 301 feet high from foundation to apex."

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Conclusion

I have endeavored to my utmost to place before you as full and concise a register and history of the Wittwers, or Witwers, as I was able to collect, and I did not realize the enormity of the task undertaken until I was so deep into it that I could not retrace the steps taken. And it has brought to my mind the old and trite saying, thus: "I never knew how deep the well was, at whose bottom truth is said to lie, until I personally undertook to sound it." My desire from he beginning to accept no statements until verification, have entailed no little amount of labor upon the preparation of this genealogical register and history. The conflicting statements of aged men and women as to past events, and the unreliability of men's memories concerning transactions that occurred fifty or more years ago, when confronted with written records, have perhaps made me unnecessarily cautious, and if I needs must err, and which I will admit that none are perfect, and that this work has many errors, I have endeavored to be fair and honest wih the use of the materials at hand, diligently trying to expel all offensive or defensive materials, and use the aggressive, progressive, retrospective and authentic materials. My regret is that my work falls so far short of what I could wish it to be, or that it would have been if the ability would not have been lacking. But, as I have stated before, it is the best efforts of my first attempt at writing history, and hope you will accept this work for what it is and not for what it should be or what it could be if it had been prepared by abler hands and minds. But, since our record is so noble and grand, I feel so happy that I am permitted to class my humble self as one among many respectable good Wittwers of the hardy and noble Swiss Progenitors, and I therefore ask you to receive this in the spirit in which it is given and if you have and criticisms to make, I ferverently ask you to kindly favor me with a kind correction of any error you readers detect, that I may know in that that I have erred.

Very sincerely,

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